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...OF THE...

Thirty-Ninth Annual Session

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**..Tishomingo..**

## Baptist Association,

HELD WITH

Farmington Church, Alcorn County, Miss.,  
September 15, 16 and 17, 1899.

### OFFICERS:

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G. W. DUDLEY,

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**FARMINGTON CHURCH,**  
BEGINNING FRIDAY, SEPT. 15, 1899.

Meeting called to order by Bro. E. S. Candler, Jr., Moderator, who read the 4th chapter of Ephesians and made a few feeling and appropriate remarks, in which he dwelt upon the fact that Farmington church was once under the pastorate of Elder M. P. Lowery.

He then called upon Elders W. M. Henderson and J. Skinner, the only surviving members of the association who participated in the organization, to conduct the opening devotional exercises, and appointed G. W. Dudley clerk pro tem., owing to the absence of Bro. Smith, who was detained by illness.

Elder Henderson read the 5th chapter of Romans and spoke of the great pleasure it afforded him to be present on this occasion. Prayer by Elder Skinner. After singing "How Firm a Foundation," Elder Skinner made a short talk. Prayer by Elder Henderson.

Elder U. A. West, pastor of the Farmington church, delivered an address of welcome, which was replied to by the Moderator, who then announced that the letters sent by delegates would be submitted to a committee on credentials. The following committee was appointed: E. E. Thornton, W. A. Richardson, T. F. Holt.

The said committee, after examining letters submitted, made the following report as to delegates present:

Antioch No. 1—P. M. Strickland, David Stephenson, Wm. Plaxco.

Antioch No. 2—J. G. Bynum, J. T. Harris, Claude Harris.  
 Baldwyn—J. W. Barress, W. M. Burge.  
 Bethlehem—E. Willbanks.  
 Booneville—E. E. Thornton.  
 Burdsville—W. H. Phelps, M. L. Harris, Dr. Gray.  
 Cane Creek—J. A. Tyson, F. O. Browning, John Parker.  
 Chewalla—J. H. Hurley, W. J. Smith, J. C. Smith, J. W. T.  
 Derryberry.  
 Concord—W. T. Green.  
 Corinth—E. L. Wesson, J. C. Skillman, J. J. Whitten,  
 J. D. Bills, Emory Abbey.  
 Cross Roads—J. F. Floyd, S. H. Jones.  
 Farmington—B. E. Wallace, A. L. Voyles, J. B. Romine.  
 Friendship—W. R. Barrett, R. Higgs.  
 Gaston—D. T. Beall, H. C. Parker.  
 Glendale—W. T. Wilson, R. P. Strickland, E. Dowd.  
 Harmony—P. N. Bobo, W. W. Swain, J. M. Willbanks.  
 Hinkle Creek—W. M. Henderson, T. F. Holt, J. E. Miller,  
 W. E. Scalley.  
 Iuka—G. W. Dudley, Miss Clara Hubbard, Miss Blanche  
 Hubbard.  
 Kossuth—T. H. Henderson, W. A. Richardson, W. C. Sweat.  
 Little Brown's Creek—G. W. Underwood, J. B. Mayo.  
 Lone Oak—Luna Cook, John Williams, J. C. Henderson.  
 Mt. Gilead—S. B. Kennedy, James Seago.  
 Mt. Joy—Wesley Wayne, G. A. Burcham.  
 Mt. Olive—L. R. Burress, J. D. Jones.  
 Mt. Providence—H. A. Tumison, R. Rushing, W. I. Eledge.  
 New Prospect—J. H. Davis, John Webb, G. T. Hubbard.  
 New Salem—J. Skinner.  
 Osborne Creek—A. J. Dalton, J. W. Muse.  
 Piney Grove—Isaac Melton.  
 Rienzi—C. B. Curlee.  
 Shiloh—W. W. Pate, G. W. Mahaffey, J. L. Layton, B. Jones.  
 Sardis—J. W. Holden, W. G. Bishop, W. J. Moss, John Amer-  
 son.

Tuscumbia—R. Finley, W. J. Moss, Charles Deloach.  
 Union Grove—E. L. Bruton.  
 Union Grove No. 2—R. Wingo, F. Rhinehart.  
 Wheeler—L. M. Burge.  
 Petitionary letter was presented by Union No. 2. On  
 motion this church was received. Also for one named Liberty  
 Hill. On motion this church was received.

The delegates from Union No. 2 came forward and the  
 Moderator extended them the right hand of fellowship; the  
 delegates from the other church not being present.

On motion the association proceeded to permanent organi-  
 zation. Drs. G. M. Savage, J. B. Searcy and Bro. H. H. Ray were  
 appointed tellers, who announced that Bro. E. S. Candler, Jr.,

had been duly elected Moderator and Bro. G W Dudley elected Clerk.

Dr. G M Savage then preached the introductory sermon from the 14th chapter of Luke. It was a very earnest, eloquent and touching sermon, specially addressed to the ministers; subject, "Discipleship."

Prayer by Elder L R Burress.

Association took recess for refreshments to 2 p.m. Benediction by Elder E E Thornton.

### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association re-convened promptly at 2 p.m. Devotional exercises by Elder W. D. Page, who read the 1st Psalm and offered prayer.

The Moderator then announced the following committees:  
Devotional Exercises—T H Underwood, W A Richardson,

C B Carlee, with pastor and deacons of Farmington church.

Finance—J W Burress, W E Thomas and J E Miller.

On motion the order of business of last meeting was adopted.

On call for correspondence, the following representatives were announced as present:

Tombigbee Association—W D Page.

Unity Association—W W Reaves, T J Perry, W Q Young,  
U A West.

The Baptist—Dr. J B Searcy.

Central (Tenn.) Association—Dr. G M Savage.

Tippah Association—H H Ray.

State Board—A V Rowe.

Mississippi College—C H Brough.

On motion of Elder L R Burress a committee was appointed to consider the advisability of participating in the Twentieth Century Reunion to be held at New Albany, Miss., time to be fixed. Committee: Elder L R Burress, Bro. W M Burge, Elder E L Wesson.

On motion, Mt. Olive was selected as the place for the holding of the next annual session of this association, on Tuesday after the third Sunday in September, 1900, at 10 a.m.

Dr. J B Searcy addressed the body on the subject of the Baptist, the State organ of Mississippi Baptists.

The Moderator announced the following additional committee:

Foreign Missions—E L Wesson, W D Page, J Skinner, David Stephenson, L M Burge, J D Jones, T F Holt.

State of Religion—J. D. Bills, J. J. Whitten, J. H. Hurley, W. M. Burge, F. O. Browning, W. T. Green, S. H. Jones.

Temperance—E. E. Thornton, W. A. Richardson, W. M. Burge, Wm. Plaxco, J. B. Romine, J. A. Tyson, J. F. Floyd.

State Missions—E. E. Thornton, J. C. Henderson, G. W.



Mahaffy, J. D. Jones, Isaac Melton, P. M. Strickland, E. W. Willbanks.

Home Missions---W. M. Burge, C. Null, John Parker, Emory Abbey, B. E. Wallace, W. R. Barrett, D. W. Holmes.

Associational Missions---L. B. Curlee, L. R. Burress, D. T. Beall, A. L. Voyles, G. W. Mahaffey, W. F. Wilson, P. N. Bobo, W. M. Henderson.

On motion 10 a.m Saturday was fixed as the time for considering the various reports on missions.

The following were appointed Committee on Schools, Colleges and Education: Bro. J. O. Looney, Elder E. L. Nesson, J. C. Henderson, R. O. Strickland, W. W. Swain, G. W. Underwood, John Williams.

### REPORT ON STATE OF RELIGION.

Your committee on State of Religion beg leave to report that not having examined the letters from the churches, we cannot inform this body as to the condition of the churches on this subject. We desire to state that religion is the chief concern of mortals here below. If this is not kept well to the front in our work, all effort will become secular in form and spirituality will be but little known. Religion, piety, enthusiasm in the Master's cause should receive constant attention.

JOHN D. BILLS, Chairman.

This report was discussed by Elder W D Page, Bros. J W News, W H Phelps, F O Browning, E F Romine, Elders J. Skinner and W M Henderson, Bros. D T Beall, J B Mayo.

Committee on devotional exercises reported that Elder E E Thornton preach tonight and Elder L R Burress tomorrow at 11 a.m. C. B. Curlee, Chairman.

Following additional committees were announced by the Moderator :

Committee on Sunday-Schools and Sabbath Observance---Bros. L M Burge, J B Romine, R Higgs, E Dowd, W C Sweat, J B Mayo, S R Kennedy.

Committee on Publications---Bro. J W Burress, Elder L R Burress, Bros. Wesley Wayne, G A Barcham, Harvey Davis, John Webb, S Rogers.

Committee on Obituaries---Bros. W A Richardson, A J Dalton, J W Muse, Isaac Melton, W W Pate, E L Bruton, John Wingo.

Pending discussion of report on state of religion, the association adjourned to Saturday, 9 a.m.

## SATURDAY'S SESSION.

Association convened promptly at 9 a.m.

Devotional exercises conducted by Elder T J Perry, who read from the 5th chapter of Matthew. Prayer by Elder E L Wesson.

The following resolution introduced by Bro. C. B. Curlee was unanimously adopted by a rising vote:

Resolved, That we deeply sympathize with our former clerk, Bro. J. W. Smith, in his long and severe illness and hope and pray that the Father of all good blessings will soon restore him to his former good health and usefulness.

On motion the report of the committee on state of religion was adopted.

The following delegates were announced by the Moderator: State Convention—Elders E E Thornton, L R Burress, E L Wesson, Bros. J W Burress, T H Underwood, G W Dudley, J T Berry.

Tippah Association—Elder E L Wesson, Bro. W F Dugger.

West Judson—Elders L R Burress and E E Thornton.

Tombigbee—G W Dudley, James Hubbard.

Unity—Willie Mahaffey and Bro. F O Browning.

Judson—W E Thomas.

The following additional committees were announced:

Nominations—Bros. J D Bills, W H Phelps, J M Willbanks, W M Burge, Wm. Plaxco, J W Holder, W G Bishop.

Baptist Orphanage—Bro. L M Burge, Elder J C Henderson, Bros. James Seago, W H Phelps, Frank Rhinehart, John Amison, Frank Dugger.

Systematic Giving—Elders E L Wesson, Willie Mahaffey, W L Norman, Bros. G W Underwood, J B Mayo, A J Dalton, J W Muse.

The hour for the regular order having arrived, consideration of the reports on missions was held, when reports on State, Associational, Home and Foreign Missions were read. [These reports will appear subsequently] Also the following report of the Executive Board:

## REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

The seed time of the past year has come and gone. From the seeds and out of the grounds that have been sown will come the harvest. "What shall it be?" is a question that shall ever concern us. That many good seeds have been sown is manifest; that tares have been sown in their midst is not surprising. As men we have slept when we should have been watching; we may have engendered strife and are unconsciously remiss, but after all we recognize the overruling of God, who in the end will separate the bad from the good. In the divine goodness ye Ex. Board is enabled to make the following record ending this associational year: According to instructions by the association assembled with the Hinkle Creek Church last year, the Board appointed and caused to be held a Preachers' School with the church at Baldwyn, conducted by Dr. W. T. Lowery, president of Mississippi College. While the teaching was simple, profound and scriptural, there were very few to enjoy and reap the benefits. In view of the seeming indifference on the part of the brethren,

we as a Board advise that no provision be made out of the associational mission funds for such a school for the following year. The destitution in your field is still great, and your board was unable to occupy it entirely, but so far as able the work has been prosecuted. The Board employed Elder J. F. Russell for one-half of each month, beginning in May and ending at the close of the associational year. Brother Russell did much preaching, and went from house to house expounding the Scriptures, testifying, persuading and praying. While no conversions are reported, the Board is satisfied with the labors of Brother Russell in planting and watering, leaving all to God to give the increase. The Board also employed Elder W. A. Turnage. He labored but one-half of one month, preached twenty-four sermons, distributed 1,000 pages of tracts. Some of the results were thirteen backsliders reclaimed, three others approved for baptism, meetings good. Elder W. G. Mahaffey held one meeting, four professions. See treasurer's report for expenses.

L. R. BURRESS, Chairman.

Elder A. V. Rowe, State secretary, was present and made an address on State Missions until the hour for preaching arrived. On motion the time of Bro. Rowe was extended, and the preaching deferred for a half-hour. His address was a masterful presentation of the whole question.

Elder L. R. Burress then preached from Hebrew 6-11. Subject, Assurance. Prayer by Dr. J. B. Searcy.

The report on Colleges, Schools and Education was set for 3 p.m. Association took recess to 2 p.m.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association convened promptly at 2 p.m. by singing "What a Friend We Have in Jesus." Opening services conducted by Elder W. A. Turnage, who read several passages of scripture touching on the subject of Assurance, and then offered prayer. Resumed consideration of the Mission question. Discussed by Elders W. A. Turnage, J. F. Russell, Willie Mahaffey, E. L. Wesson, E. S. Gandler, and adopted. The special order, report on Colleges, Schools and Education was taken up at 3 p.m.

#### REPORT ON SCHOOLS, COLLEGES, ETC.

We, your Committee on Schools, Colleges and Ministerial Education, submit the following: Education is a subject concerning which we, as Baptists, who believe in religious freedom, can not afford to be the least negligent. We should use our utmost endeavors to give our young people correct ideas of true education, and impress them with its importance and the attainment of higher ideals of refinement and mental culture. This is an age of advancement; improvements are being made along all lines of business. The arts, sciences and inventions are making gigantic strides, and to the successful consummation of all these, it is necessary that education should be kept in the advance guard. We are glad to note the interest that is being manifested in this cause. The public schools of our great State are certainly on rising ground. We have a number of high schools within the borders of our own association, which are doing excellent work. Our State officials and the teachers in charge of our university and State colleges are doing everything in their power to advance the interests of these schools, and are succeeding admirably. Other denominations are zealously at work along educational lines, and are keeping abreast of the times. Brethren and sisters, let us learn a lesson from all these and bend our energies toward the education of our own children, and thereby encourage our denomination to forge its way onward and upward. Our success as a great power and influence for good and the progress of the Master's Kingdom depend largely upon this work. Some of the ablest and most progressive teachers in the State are Baptists; some of our very best high schools are controlled by Baptist influence, for which let us take courage and thank God; but we ought to be doing much more than we are. We owe it to our children; we owe it to our denomination; we owe it to the Great I Am Himself.



After hearing the able sermon yesterday on discipleship, especially that part relating to the responsibility of ministers, we are constrained to emphasize more than ever before the importance of ministerial education. To the God-called minister (truly there's no other) education should be a qualification next to piety, that he as a leader may be thoroughly furnished with every good word and work, rightly dividing the word of truth, giving to each his portion in due season. As a means for the advancement of this cause we desire to call attention to our own Mississippi College. From the reports of the boards we see the college is doing well and accomplishing great good in its God-given mission. One of the first needs mentioned in the report of the Board of Trustees is more students. Brethren, let us lend our influence and give our prayers for the securing of more patronage to Mississippi College. Can we not send our boys and encourage our neighbors to do likewise? The other needs mentioned by the board are endowment and buildings. Brethren, let us give our means to the accomplishing these ends. We desire to commend the untiring energy and zeal of our worthy president, Dr. W. L. Lowry. We feel quite sure that a bright future is in prospect for Mississippi College. Let us pray and work for our Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky. May it be reinstated in the minds and affections of our Southern Baptists as it formerly was, and may its future usefulness be even greater than the past. We need it, we need the influence of those Godly men who are trained there in the deep things of the Bible. Blue Mountain Female College is an institution which is worthy of our most hearty support. The authorities of this school keep a strict surveillance over the moral and physical welfare of the young ladies, as well as their intellectual culture. Send your girls to Blue Mountain.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. LOONEY,  
E. L. WESSON,  
JOHN WILLIAMS,  
J. C. HENDERSON,  
G. W. UNDERWOOD.

Discussed by Dr C H Brough, of Mississippi College, and Dr G M Savage, of Southwestern University. Report adopted.

Report of Committee on Publications was read by Brother J W Burress, chairman. Discussed by Elders J B Searcy, A V Rowe, and adopted.

#### REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS.

It is a trite and old saying that "We are known by the company we keep," the truth of which no one denies. Are not the books and papers we read our company largely? And what influences are more than what we read? The youth who reads the exploits and adventures of Jesse James and like characters gets his heart filled and fired to do like things, and is led on to ruin, whereas if there had been put into his hands the biographies of good men—those who have been an honor to themselves and a blessing to their country, real benefactors to their race—these youths would doubtless have taken as a model some one who would have inspired them to deeds worthy of noble sires, thus becoming to their generation and their country. Can we elevate the aspirations of our boys and young men, is the all-important question of the age.

We take pleasure in recommending to every member of all the churches of this Association, our Baptist, published at Jackson, Miss. Brethren, we urge you now to take it and read it. Do not read to criticize, but to get out all the good there is in it. If you will do this one year you will not do without it the next. Further, take it for the influence it will have over your family. Try its benign influence in this way. Would it be out of place here to recommend to the editor to have a column, or so much as is necessary, devoted to secular news. The people want this and need it. This custom is practiced by some religious papers. The articles should be short and pointed.

The Foreign Mission Journal, Richmond, Va., and the Home Field, Atlanta, Ga., are recommended to every Sunday School. We recommend most heartily our literature for Sunday Schools. Avoid "Union" literature, because it claims to be cheap, but use the publications of Southern Baptist series, published at Nashville, Tenn., and of the American Baptist Publication Society, Philadelphia, Pa.

J. W. BURRESS,  
L. R. BURRESS,  
of Committee.

Committee on Devotional Exercises reported that Elder W A Turnage will preach tonight and Elder A V Rowe tomorrow at 11 a.m.; also that Elder U A West will preach at Marvin tonight. Committee appointed to decide as to Twentieth Century Meeting at New Albany, reported through the chairman, Elder L R Burress. Report adopted without discussion.

#### TO ACCEPT INVITATION.

Your committee appointed to consider the invitation from our mother association, The Chickasaw Baptist, to take part in her Twentieth Century Celebration during the year 1900, at time and place to be designated by the inviting body, do hereby recommend the Tishomingo Association to accept the invitation and appoint messengers to convey tidings of fraternal love to the honored mother of associations. Your committee would also recommend the association to accept the general invitation of the Southern Baptist Convention to all Southern Baptists to engage in the Twentieth Century Celebration, and for this purpose recommend that a committee be appointed by the moderator to confer and operate with the committee of the Southern Baptist Convention.

L. R. BURRESS,  
W. M. BURGE.

Committee on Nominations reported through Chairman J D Bills. Adopted without discussion.

#### REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

Your Committee on Nominations recommend the following for executive board for the ensuing associational year, to-wit: Elders L. R. Burress, T. E. Holt, M. O. Elledge, B. P. Selman, J. W. Burress, J. O. Looney, J. S. Berry. We recommend Elder E. L. Wesson to preach the associational sermon; alternate Elder J. S. Berry. For messenger to Southern Baptist Convention, E. S. Candler, jr.; alternate, Elder L. R. Burress.

JOHN D. BILLS, Chairman.  
W. H. PHELPS,  
W. G. BISHOP,  
W. M. BURGE.

The association adjourned to Sunday at 9 a m.

#### SUNDAY'S SESSION.

The association met promptly at 9 a.m. Devotional exercises conducted by Elder W W Reaves. The following resolution was introduced by Elder W M Henderson and unanimously adopted: Amend article of the covenant by striking out in the record line after the words "bearing letters," the words "to be submitted to a committee on credentials that should report as soon as possible, a condensed report, all letters to the association." and insert in lieu thereof the words "to be read at the opening of the meeting."

Elder W A Turnage was appointed corresponding messenger to the Colbert Association.

The following brethren were appointed as delegates to the Twentieth Century meeting under the auspices of the Chickasaw Association at New Albany: Elders E L Wesson, W M Henderson, E E Thornton, L R Burress, Bros. W E Thomas, T F Holt, F O Browning, J C Henderson, W H Scally, Walter

Pate. On motion all members of this association were authorized to attend said meeting in a representative capacity.

The following committee on Twentieth Century Meeting was appointed: Elders E L Wesson, E E Thornton, J. S. Berry, W. G. Mahaffey, W E Hunter, L R Burress, Bros. L M Burge, W E Thomas.

The report on Systematic Giving was read by Chairman E L Wesson:

#### REPORT ON SYSTEMATIC GIVING.

Only one question needs to be settled to convince Baptists on any subject. That is, do the Scriptures teach it? Our boast has ever been, "Give us a 'Thus saith the Lord,' and we will obey." Therefore, if the Scriptures teach systematic giving, we must practice it. Then what saith the Scriptures? If we go to the Old Testament for light, we find that God positively commanded his people, priests and all, to give one-tenth of all they made. (See Lev. 27.) And if we go to the New Testament for information we will find that we are commanded to give liberally, cheerfully, and on the first day of every week as God prospers us. [See 1 Cor. 16:2.] Therefore, the question is scripturally settled; we must give systematically or disobey our Father's directions. Let us remember that, and stand by our motto. A little study will help us to see the great advantages of systematic giving. First, it will continually replenish the treasury. Second, it will enable us to give with ease to the Lord's work. Third, it will bring into the treasury much more than any other plan. We talk of being poor, and of aiding poor churches. Did you know that if each member of the Baptist churches of Mississippi would just pay 5 cents a month for missions that it would put into the treasuries of churches for missions \$57,576 per year, and leave out 10,000 Baptists as too poor to even give that much. The very poorest, if not sick, ought to give that much. None so poor that they cannot give 5 cents a month, while there are numbers that are able to give \$5, and many do, but instead of 5 cents apiece per month we average only a little more than one-fourth that amount. Think of it, brethren, and let us come to the Bible rule of systematic giving. If there is any one point on which God has given explicit directions it is, "Let every one of you lay by him in store on the first day of the week as God hath prospered him."

Respectfully submitted,

E. L. WESSON,  
W. L. NORMAN,  
W. G. MAHAFFEY.

Discussed by Elders E L Wesson, L R Burress, E S Candler, and adopted.

The report of the Committee on Temperance was read by Elder E E Thornton.

#### TEMPERANCE.

"Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging; and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise." "Be not among winebibbers; for the drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty." The evils growing out of the manufacture, sale and use of malt, fermented and distilled liquors are among the most baneful evils of this world. The use of alcoholic liquors has wrought more ruin, blighted more hopes, entailed more misery, squandered more money, wasted more energy, destroyed more lives, and damned more souls than any other of satan's agencies during the century that is now closing. How to meet and successfully combat this prolific source of evil is a difficult question, and it will continue to tax the thoughts, energies and abilities of the friends and lovers of humanity until it shall be rooted up and banished from our midst. There is a silent force at work which is destined to revolutionize sentiment, and to build up an intelligent zeal that will dry up this source of evil, whether it be the express car, with its jugs of legalized sale, brought in from other States, the blind tiger that crouches in dark cellars and skulks in back alleys, or the domestic wine barrel that stands on special legislation. That force is Christian education, and its proscription has been placed upon these sources of evil, crime and immorality. They must go. The attitude of Baptists toward the manufacture, sale and use of malt, fermented and distilled liquors is no



longer a question of doubt. Our record has been made as the first of the religious denominations to raise a voice against this source of evil and crime, and through our State and National Conventions we stand committed to pray, work and vote until the last trail of the Worm shall have been wiped from our civilization. There is another power that is marshalling its forces against these sources of evil, crime and immorality. I allude to the women, whose kind, gentle, persuasive influence is more powerful than the press or sword. Your committee therefore recommend that the members of the churches composing this association use, aid and encourage, in a judicious manner, every laudable means for the suppression of this prolific source of evil, crime, immorality, poverty, shame, disgrace and death.

E. E. THORNTON,  
W. A. RICHARDSON,  
J. A. TYSON,  
W. M. BURGE,  
J. F. FLOYD.

Discussed by Elder E E Thornton and Bro. W M Burge, Elder W M Henderson, Bros. W E Thomas and J W Burress, and adopted.

The preaching hour was now reached, but upon motion the preaching service was deferred to hear the reading of two reports. The reports on Sunday Schools and Sabbath Observance, and on Baptist Orphanage were read by Brother L M Burge.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

Your committee find that the Sunday School interest is one of the main features in some of the churches within the bounds of this association. There are, however, a number of churches that have no Sunday Schools. We trust ere long that every church will be able to make good reports along this line. Upon investigation we find that out of forty-three (43) churches that comprise this association fourteen (14) of them have Sunday Schools. This being the case we recommend that the Executive Board of this association approve the recommendation as passed upon by our last State Convention in regard to this matter, if they deem it wise to do so. If not, then we would suggest that our Executive Board give this branch of our church work more attention than they have done heretofore, ever keeping in mind that gentle command and kind invitation of Him who said, "Suffer little children to come unto me." We are further glad to state that so far as we are able to learn, that the observance of the Sabbath day is being held in more sacredness by our people, both old and young, and we further believe that more Sunday Schools among our churches will have a very beneficial effect toward holding this day in greater respect. We earnestly recommend that every church in this association take the matter of Sunday Schools into careful and prayerful consideration, for we believe that Sunday Schools are not only an index to substantial church growth, but they lead to a higher and a more energetic life in the cause of the Master. Respectfully submitted,

L. M. BURGE,  
J. B. ROMINE,  
W. C. SWEAT,  
J. B. MAYO,  
S. R. KENNEDY.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.

Your committee beg leave to report as follows: We are glad to state that we find that the Mississippi Baptist Orphanage, from its third annual catalogue, is in a good condition. It is with pleasure that we note that this institution is not only run in a thoroughly spiritual and intellectual manner, but also on a splendid business basis. Fifty-two (52) orphans have found a home and have been aided by it, twenty-two (22) of that number have found homes in some of the best families of the State. The remaining thirty (30) are still in the Home. While the orphanage is managed on the most economical plans, yet we find that Brother L. S. Foster, superintendent, has been put to the necessity of borrowing about \$900 to meet necessary expenses. This, brethren, we acknowledge as another claim upon us for both spiritual and temporal aid, and

we hope and pray that this association and the churches of this association will give this Home the aid that it justly merits, and in doing so practice the "Golden Rule" of doing unto others as we would have others do unto us. We earnestly suggest that every church make some effort to aid the Orphanage, but more especially to interest and stimulate the children of our Sunday Schools to furnish them material aid, as some of our Sunday Schools are doing in other portions of the State. Again, we urge that every church and Sunday School in the Tishomingo Association make the Orphanage a matter of special remembrance in the observance of the annual Thanksgiving Day.

Resolved, That this Orphans Home deserves and shall have our sympathy and support.

Respectfully submitted,

L. M. BURGE,  
J. C. HENDERSON,  
W. H. PHELPS,  
FRANK DUGGER.

Brother D T Beall read the following resolution:

Resolved, That we, the churches composing the Tishomingo Association, assembled in convention with Farmington Church, Miss., September 3, 1899, request that Dr. W. f. Lowrey, President of our Mississippi College, select three or more worthy and capable young men within the bounds of our association, the names of whom Dr. Lowrey will submit to a committee, which committee will be elected by the association, to be composed of three or more capable ministers of said association; this committee to be empowered to select one of the names or party that was submitted through Dr. Lowrey, the one thus selected to be our future color bearer for this grand army of Baptists, that we are so justly and pardonably proud of, with the agreement and obligation on our part that we adopt him as our child of the association, and that we will support and educate him in our State College to the highest order attainable for the ministry, trusting that we may build him so broad and so deep and so high, and so devoted, that we can with pride and love hand him down to our children as a rich and sacred treasure, as an inheritance more valuable than gold. This is a rapid and progressive age, and it behooves us—the grandest denomination on earth—to keep abreast with the procession. Yes, we can and must lead, and will, for we are able and should be willing to build us a Moses. Respectfully submitted,

D. T. BEALL.

On motion, Brother Beall's resolution was referred to the Executive Board.

On motion, Elder E L Wesson was requested to preach to the overflow meeting, while Elder A V Rowe preached to the audience inside the church. Congregation joined in singing "Amazing Grace." Elder A V Rowe then preached from 10 Acts, 1-2. At the close of the sermon a collection was taken up for the benefit of the Baptist Orphanage, which amounted in cash to \$25. Adjourned to 2 p.m. Benediction by the Rev. L R Burrese.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Reassembled at 2 p.m. Elder J F Russell conducted de-

votional exercises by reading from 15th chapter of John, followed by prayer. Resumed consideration of reports on Sunday Schools and Sabbath Observance and Baptist Orphanage. Discussed by Elder W D Page and Bros J W T Derryberry, E S Candler, and adopted.

Committee on Obituaries reported, and a resolution was passed instructing the clerk to set apart a memorial page in the minutes.

Elder E E Thorton introduced the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the heartfelt thanks of the Tishomingo Association be extended to Farmington Church and community for the hospitable manner in which they have entertained this session of the body.

Resolved, That the clerk, after receiving \$10 for his services, have as many minutes printed and proportionally distributed among the churches of this association as the money sent up for that purpose will pay for.

The Association then adjourned to meet on Tuesday after the third Sunday in September, 1900, at Mount Olive Church, seven miles west of Baldwyn, Miss., at 9 o'clock a.m.

G W DUDLEY,

Clerk.

E S CANDLER.

Moderator.





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## OBITUARIES.

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Antioch No. 1	N. C. Glover
Burnsville	Sister Eliza Dean, Sister Burcham
Bethlehem	Sister K. A. Kelley
Baldwyn	Brother A. W. Bills, jr., Sister Amelia Bucy
Cross Roads	Brother J. R. Grimes
Farmington	Brother W. S. Romine
Friendship	Brother A. J. Bosewell
Kossuth	Brother Thompson Underwood
New Salem	Brothers W. H. Bray, Clint Norris
Osborn Creek	Brother I. T. Powell
Piney Grove	Sisters Jacobs and Wallace
Corinth	Sister Daisy Lutz
Tuscumbia	Sisters Melberry Willinghand and Tabitha Taylor
Cane Creek	Brother Putt
Mt. Gilead	Sister Martha Seago, Sister Glenn
Shiloh	Brother T. M. Meeks, Sister Sophia A. Meeks

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## List of Ordained Ministers.

- W. H. Russell—Hightown, Miss.  
 Henry Davis—Silver Springs, Miss.  
 G. N. Williams—Wheeler, Miss.  
 W. D. Robinson—Old Cairo, Miss.  
 G. H. Savage—Rienzi, Miss.  
 T. E. Spain, E. E. Thornton, J. G. Archer—Booneville,  
 Miss.  
 W. A. Turnage, J. C. Hughes—Iuka, Miss.  
 J. Skinner, W. A. Norman, C. C. Harris, J. W. Lovelace,  
 Burnsville, Miss.  
 L. R. Burress—Geeville, Miss.  
 A. Keller—Lytal, Miss.  
 J. C. Henderson, J. F. Russell—Kossuth, Miss.  
 E. Z. Simmons—Canton, China.  
 W. M. Henderson—Farme, Miss.  
 E. L. Wessen, W. O. Huff—Corinth, Miss.  
 J. S. Berry—Baldwyn, Miss.  
 W. E. Hunter—Jackson, Tenn.  
 W. G. Mahaffey—Gift, Miss.

## RULES OF ORDER.

- ARTICLE 1. The association shall be opened with prayer.
2. The Moderator shall be considered the judge of order, but any member not satisfied with his decision may appeal, provided the appeal be made on the same day, but at no subsequent time.
3. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speaking as members, but not to vote, unless his vote be necessary to decide a question. If he arises to speak, he shall call some other brother to the chair.
4. All questions brought before the association shall be introduced by motion, and, if seconded, shall be opened for discussion, unless withdrawn by the mover or his second. When a subject has been taken up and a reasonable time allowed for its discussion, the Moderator shall take the vote by yeas and nays, and if a call for a division be made, it shall be decided by members rising.
5. Any member being desirous to speak shall rise and address the Moderator. Only one member shall be allowed to speak at a time, who shall not be interrupted while speaking, unless he departs from the subject, or makes personal reflections.
6. No person shall speak more than once on the same subject until all who wish to speak shall have had an opportunity; not more than twice upon any subject without permission.
7. Every question introduced for discussion shall be deci-

ded before another is offered, unless it be laid over, on motion, with the consent of the mover of the resolution.

8. The association shall, in all cases, be governed by a majority of the members present, except in the reception of churches, then a unanimous vote shall be required. But in no case shall one member or church prevent the reception of a church without sufficient cause shown, which shall be determined by a majority.

9. The names of the members shall be called whenever the association shall direct, and the absentees marked. Any member wishing to retire shall obtain permission of the Moderator.

10. The appellation of Brother shall be used by the members in addressing each other.

11. Any member violating these rules shall be subject to be reprov'd by the Moderator, but only on the day the breach shall have been made.

12. Amendments or alterations may be made to these rules when a majority may deem it necessary.

### ABSTRACT OF FAITH.

ARTICLE 1. We believe in the only living and true God—the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, and these three are one.

2. We believe the Bible to be the Word of God, and it is our only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the total depravity of human nature, and that man is dead in trespass and sin.

4. We believe that salvation is the gift of God by grace, through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, and that sinners are justified in the sight of God alone by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ, which is unto all and with all them that believe.

5. We believe in the doctrine of Election: that God has, from the beginning, chosen us to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the Truth.

6. We believe that the Holy Spirit accompanies the Word of God in the salvation of man, in answer to the prayers of Christians.

7. We believe in the final perseverance of the Saints, and that all who truly believe shall be eternally saved.

8. We believe that baptism is immersion alone, and that none but true believers are proper subjects of the ordinance; and that none but regularly baptized and ordained ministers have a right to administer it, and that it is a prerequisite to the Lord's Supper, and all who come to the Lord's table must come according to the Lord's word.

9. We believe that a Gospel Church is a body of true believers in Christ, who have been regularly baptized, upon a profession of their Faith in Him, and that there are but two officers in a church, viz: the Elder or Pastor, and Deacon.

10. We believe it to be the duty of each church to extend and circulate the Word of God as far as their means will enable them.

11. We believe in the resurrection of all men and in a future and general judgment; and that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked shall be eternal.

### COVENANT.

[Adopted in 1860 at the formation of the Association, afterwards ratified by the Churches.]

ARTICLE 1. We, as independent Churches of Jesus Christ, do mutually covenant to unite our efforts and influence for the advancement of the cause of Christ, under the title of the Tishomingo Baptist Association.

2. We agree to hold annual meetings, to be composed of delegates chosen by the respective churches, bearing letters, to be read at the opening of the meeting, showing their appointment, and also showing the number received by baptism, by letter, by restoration; dismissed by letter, excluded or dead, together with the whole number of fellowship. Also, average number of Sunday School pupils and number of conversions, amounts contributed to Associational Missions, State Missions, Foreign and Home Missions, Ministerial Education, Support of Pastors, Church Expenses, Church Improvements and total expended, and valuation of church property.

3. We agree that every church belonging to this body shall be entitled to three delegates until they number one hundred members, then one for every fifty above that number.

4. When any church shall fail to communicate with this body for three consecutive meetings, it shall be considered as having withdrawn from us, and will be dropped from the minutes unless two or more members request its continuance, and will also engage to inquire into its standing and report at the next annual meeting.

5. Other churches may be admitted into this union by signifying their wish by letter and delegates, provided they be deemed scriptural.

6. We will elect a Moderator and a Clerk by ballot, at each annual meeting, as soon as the letters from the churches are read and the members' names enrolled; letters from petitioning churches being received, that their delegates may also have the privilege of voting.

7. We disclaim the right to adopt rules that can, at any time, infringe on the independence and rights of the churches. We may, however, advise churches when they request it, and will withdraw from such as become heretical in doctrine and disorderly in discipline.

8. We will have an Executive Board composed of seven members, elected annually, and the Moderator and Clerk, whose



duty it shall be to take charge of all the funds sent up by the churches, and dispose of the same as the churches may direct.

9. We will correspond with sister associations. Any member of this body whose name appears on our minutes is authorized to represent us in other religious bodies.

10. We will have our minutes read, corrected and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the session rises, and will not adjourn, except in extraordinary cases, until all the business is finished.

11. We will, while convenient, appoint the time and place for holding the next annual meeting of this body, and elect a brother to preach Associational Sermon. The association may make such alterations and amendments to the Covenant as two-thirds of the members may deem necessary.

## Sunday-Schools.

The following Churches report Sunday-Schools:

Baldwyn, average attendance.....	30	J. W. Burress, Supt.
Booneville, average attendance.....	45	J. V. Alexander, Supt.
Bethlehem, average attendance.....	—	C. M. Willbanks, Supt.
Burnsville, average attendance.....	40	W. H. Phelps, Supt.
Ohewalla, average attendance.....	30	T. J. Hurley, Supt.
Corinth, average attendance.....	65	E. S. Candler, Jr., Supt.
Harmony, average attendance.....	20	P. N. Bobo, Supt.
Hinkle Creek, average attendance.....	30	J. E. Miller, Supt.
Iuka, average attendance.....	27	G. W. Dudley, Supt.
Kossuth, average attendance.....	35	J. W. Daggett, Supt.
Mt. Olive, average attendance.....	25	M. Franks, Supt.
Mt. Joy, average attendance.....	20	S. A. Burcham, Supt.
New Prospect, average attendance.....	30	J. C. Hughes, Supt.
Osborne Creek, average attend'nce.....	25	J. M. Taylor, Supt.
Rienzi, average attendance.....	36	M. J. Savage, Supt.
Shiloh, average attendance.....	40	J. H. Layton, Supt.

Total average attendance.....428

## MINUTES OF UNION MEETING.

Union meeting of the First District of the Tishomingo Baptist Association met with County Church on Friday before the fourth Sunday in July, 1899. Brother W. M. Burge was elected Moderator and Brother W. H. Youngblood Clerk. Letters from the following churches were read: Baldwyn, Cayce Creek, Brown's Creek, Mount Olive, Oak Hill, Meadow Creek, and Little Brown's Creek. The moderator extended a welcome to all visiting brethren. The introductory sermon was preached by Brother L. R. Burress. Subject: The True Church. The meeting adjourned until 1:30 o'clock. The meeting was called to order at the appointed hour, and was opened by scriptural reading and prayer by Brother L. A. Bell. The following subjects were discussed: First Subject—What Gifts Should Women Be Allowed to Exercise in Public Worship, was passed without discussion. Second Subject—Why Am I a Baptist, was discussed by Brothers L. R. Burress, L. A. Bell, D. R. McClung and

W. E. Thomas. Third Subject—Why Do We Have Union Meetings and Associations, was discussed by Brothers J. W. Burreas, L. R. Burreas, L. A. Bell and W. E. Thomas. The Moderator appointed the following committee on programme for next meeting: W. E. Thomas, chairman; Brother Slak, H. T. Outlaw, L. A. Bell, W. M. Burge and Brother Barrott. On motion meeting adjourned until 9 o'clock a.m. Saturday.

#### SECOND DAY'S SESSION.

After prayer and the reading of the scriptures the meeting was ready for business. Fourth Subject—Baptism; What Is It? was discussed by L. A. Bell and M. Franks. On motion meeting adjourned until after preaching. After a sermon by Brother D. R. McClung the meeting was called to order. Fifth Subject—Who Are Entitled to Partake of the Lord's Supper? was discussed by W. E. Thomas, G. W. Wallis and L. A. Bell. Sixth Subject—What Literature Should Christians Read? was discussed by J. W. Burreas, W. M. Burge and L. A. Bell. The Committee on Programme announced next meeting with Little Brown's Creek Church on Friday before the fourth Sunday in July, 1900, Brother L. A. Bell to preach the introductory sermon, Brother D. R. McClung, alternate.

#### PROGRAMME FOR NEXT MEETING.

1. Duty of Deacons. W. E. Thomas and H. T. Outlaw.
2. What Is the Design of Baptism? T. B. Roberts, J. G. Archer and L. A. Bell.
3. Is It Right for a Baptist Church to Send a Committee to See an Erring Member for a Public Offense? J. A. Reim, C. P. Duncan and L. D. Roberts.
4. What Is the Pastor's Duty to the Church? J. W. Muse, Sam Everett and Frank Lawler.
5. The Church's Duty to Their Pastors. L. R. Burreas, George Glover, C. C. Cox and G. W. Wallis.
6. Is Foot-Washing a Church Ordinance? H. H. Slak, A. Keller, J. W. Burreas and W. M. Burge.

Be it resolved, That the thanks of this body be tendered the Moderator and Clerk for their most efficient services, and to this church and the people of County Line vicinity for the royal way in which they entertained us during this meeting.

#### REPORT OF MINISTERS' AND DEACONS' MEETING.\*

CROSS ROADS CHURCH, Tishomingo County, Miss., }  
9 o'clock a.m. August 4th, 1899. }

The time for the meeting of the Union Meeting having arrived, Brother F. M. Medders, the former clerk, stated the object of the meeting, who composed the meeting, and why they were held.

Elder J. C. Hughes stated that Brother Medders was in error, and moved that the meeting be organized into a Ministers' and Deacons' Meeting.

Carried, and Elder Hughes was elected Moderator. J. L. White was elected clerk. The meeting adjourned for preaching by Elder A. J. Sherrell.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

2 p. m.—Session opened by prayer. The following committees were appointed: Devotional Committee, Brothers W. F. Wilson and W. C. Bishop, with the deacons of Cross Roads Church.

Committee of Arrangements—Brothers Green Bonds, James Hubbard and J. H. Woodley.

There were nine churches represented by letter and statement.

The First Question—The Perpetuity of The Baptist Church, was set apart for 10 a. m.

#### SECOND DAY'S SESSION—August 5th.

By resolution Brother F. M. Medders was made a member of the Ministers' and Deacons' Meeting, and agreed to open the discussion of the first question.

Second Question—Who Is a Proper Scriptural Subject for Baptism? Discussed by Elder A. J. Sherrell, Elder J. C. Hughes, Brother J. H. Woodley, Brother F. M. Medders.

Third Question—The Divinity of Christ. Discussed by Brother F. M. Medders and Elders C. C. Harris and J. C. Hughes.

Adjourned.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Prayer by Brother Bishop. The Fourth Question was taken up: Duty of Churches to Their Pastors. Discussed by Elder J. C. Hughes.

Fifth Question—Duty of Pastors to Their Churches. Discussed by Elders J. C. Hughes and W. A. Turnage.

Adjourned for preaching by Elder W. A. Turnage.

### THIRD DAY'S SESSION.

Prayer by Elder A. J. Sherrell. The First Question, "The Perpetuity of The Baptist Church." Discussed by Brother F. M. Medders and Elder W. A. Turnage.

Committee on Time and Place of Next Meeting failing to report, by motion of Brother Medders, New Prospect Church was chosen by the body as the place. Time, Friday before the second Lord's Day in August, 1900, 9 o'clock a. m. sharp. Meeting adjourned.

J. L. WHITE, Clerk.

### QUESTIONS FOR MINISTERS AND DEACONS MEETING AT NEW PROSPECT CHURCH, 1900.

First—What Gifts Should a Woman Exercise in Public Worship?—Elder J. Skinner.

Second—Why Am I a Baptist?—Elder A. J. Sherrell.

Third—Baptism; What Is It?—G. W. Dudley, W. A. Turnage.

Fourth—Who Are Entitled to Partake of the Lord's Supper, and Where? Elders W. D. Robinson and W. L. Norman.

Fifth—What Literature Should Christians Read?—D. L. Ross, E. S. Candler, jr.

Sixth—What Does it take to Constitute the New Birth?—G. W. Dudley, E. S. Candler, jr.

## Women's Missionary Societies.

Baldwyn—President, Mrs. W. A. Stocks; Secretary, Miss Nannie Cox. Gen. Missions \$1.70, Ministerial Education \$5.00.

Booneville—M. H. Thornton; President; Mrs. Alline Whitesides, Secretary.

Corinth—Mrs. Wayland, President; Mrs. E. P. Simmons, Secretary. Cash on hand from last year, \$5.83. Received this year, \$31.36. Paid to Orphans' Home \$5.00, Ministerial Education \$5.50, clothing for young ministers \$45.55, sewing \$1.75, church expenses \$14.60.

Iuka—Mrs. E. S. Candler, President; Miss Mattie Dear-dolph, Secretary. Paid on church expenses, \$50.

Kossuth—Mrs. Lillie B. Underwood, Pres't; Miss Maggie Richardson, Sec'y. Building and repairing, \$2.50.

### REPORT OF HOME MISSIONS.

We, your committee, take pleasure in recommending the claim that Home Missions has on Tishomingo Baptists. Since this work is in the hands of a board appointed by our S. B. Convention, we should, brethren, on that act, if for nothing more, respond to the calls of the board. But that which claims our prayers and aims more than this is the commission to go into Judeah as well as Jerusalem. Brethren, our Judeah stands with open portals and is waiting for us to come in and possess the land. Past successes encourage us to attempt to gain greater victories. Our prayers and our prominence set Deas free. Our united contributions have blazed the way and so often made highways where once a desolation was.

How very important it is for ourselves, our children and our neighbors to be saved; yet, brethren, we know that God is no respecter of persons, and desires not only us, but that the Indian, the Negro and the Cuban, with all the unsaved that occupy this territory, be saved.

With pleasure, brethren, we note the advance in Home Missions, as reported in the minutes of our State Convention. Now we recommend that 1900



be a great year, not only for Home Missions, but that we will make a great gain all along the line of mission work. Since obtaining the report of our association on Home Missions—viz: \$15.50—we, your committee, would urge that we as Missionary Baptists do more for this cause in 1900. For this work has been badly neglected for the last few years, as last year's report was less than half of any one of the four that we are commanded to support, and a great falling off this year from last.

W. M. BURGE,  
B. E. WALLACE,  
W. R. BARRET,  
D. W. HOLMES.

## REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

NAMES OF CHURCHES.	Orphans Home.	Associational Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	State Missions.	Minute Money.
Antioch No. 1.....						55
Antioch No. 2.....		\$1 50				40
Baldwyn.....			1 70			2 00
Booneville.....						35
Bethlehem.....						
Brush Creek.....						1 50
Burnsville.....		3 50				
Candler.....			1 14	1 14		85
Cane Creek.....						
Wayne Creek.....		3 45				1 40
Chewalla.....						50
Concord.....						5 00
Corinth.....	\$7 00	25 00			\$25 00	1 00
Cross Roads.....						1 55
Farmington.....						50
Friendship.....		5 00				70
Gaston.....		3 00				1 00
Glendale.....	1 75	1 50				50
Harmony.....		6 95				3 00
Hinkle Creek.....		6 00				5 1
Hughes Chapel.....		6 00				1 30
Inka.....		10 00				1 70
Kossuth.....						1 00
Little Brown's Creek.....						50
Lone Oak.....						
Meadow Creek.....	1 05		1 05			1 10
Mount Gilgad.....						40
Mount J. y.....		16 25				2 25
Mount Olive.....		1 25				60
Mount Providence.....			1 70			1 25
New Prospect.....						60
New Salem.....						
Oak Hill.....		5 00				1 25
Osborne Creek.....						25
Piney Grove.....		7 65				70
Renzel.....						1 10
Sardis.....		1 00	75	5 25	20	1 00
Shiloh.....						50
Tusculum.....						1 50
Union.....						65
Union No 2.....						
Union Grove.....		2 55				60
Wheeler.....						50
Wadsworth.....		5 00				
J. O. Looney.....						90
Union Meeting, First District.....						
Sister R. Bell.....				18 50		
Home Sister (col.).....				15		
Cash collection, Sunday.....	25 00					
Total.....	34 80	105 20	4 84	12 74	25 30	39 35

## REPORT ON ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

Your committee on Associational Missions would report that the work in the bounds of our association during the present year has been satisfactory so far as your committee can ascertain. Bros. Russell and Turnage have done some excellent work in preaching to the destitute places. Much more could be accomplished were not the Executive Board hampered by lack of funds. We urge upon the brethren more liberality in giving to this cause, to the end that the work can be more efficiently and fully carried on. The interests of our denomination demand this, in our opinion.

D. T. BELL,  
C. B. CURLEE,  
W. M. HENDERSON,  
A. L. VOYLES,  
G. W. MAHAFFEY,  
W. T. WILSON,  
P. N. BOBO.

## REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

It is with humble gratitude that we make report to you of our past year's work on foreign fields, for God has greatly blessed our labors. We had a much larger number of converts baptized than in any former year of our history. Our missions are generally well organized and the prospects are bright. We have special reason to be thankful for the character and qualifications of the men and women called of God and sent out during the past year. Strong men and women who could easily have stood in the front ranks at home have forsaken all and gone to the heathen to tell them of Christ. This is a cause for sincere gratitude, for our strongest men and women are needed in both pagan and papal fields.

During the last convention year we sent out seventeen white missionaries to the different fields and appointed one colored brother, Rev. A. C. Dawes, to the work on the west coast of Africa. This is a good work for one year, and especially do we appreciate the fact that our board has sent a negro to preach the gospel in Africa, the native home of the colored people. Many believe that to be God's way to evangelize the dark continent.

There has been some material advancement in our China work. Our missionaries have established a publishing house known as "The Chinese Baptist Publication Society." From this society we expect to send out Bibles and tracts, religious newspapers, &c., which will be a mighty help to our missionaries in evangelizing China. We are sorry to have to report that, notwithstanding the blessings of God upon our work, the increase of laborers, and other advancement, the receipts for Foreign Missions last year were smaller than for several years past. This ought not to be, for increased blessings bring increased responsibility, and enlarged work requires more means. The work is upon us. God has opened the doors of the nations and called our people to enter, and we must go forward and meet the growing demands.

We call your special attention to the following facts:

1. In Italy, the home of the pope, the land where Catholicism was supreme, and where none who differed from it dared to openly preach, we now have Bro. Geo. B. Taylor as missionary and fourteen native pastors working in co-operation with him. The work there is difficult, but God is blessing it.

2. In Brazil we have twenty-three missionaries and native helpers, and God is blessing our labors there.

3. In Mexico we have twenty-six missionaries and native workers, and God is giving them access to the people.

4. Africa is our hardest field. The unhealthful climate and many other features make it our hardest work. There we have seven missionaries and four native teachers. We reup slowly in Africa, but it is ours to preach the Word and it is God's to bless; therefore we must work and leave the results to Him.

5. In China we have forty missionaries, eight ordained native preachers, ten unordained preachers, three colporteurs and seven Bible women. There have been some new political difficulties in our way in China, but God has blessed our labors there, and Bro. Simmons, who is now at home, reports the outlook encouraging.

6. In Japan we have seven missionaries who are laboring faithfully to plant the gospel of Christ. This is our newest field, but it, too, will yield a rich harvest by and by.

7. We would especially urge you, brethren, to give more liberally and more regularly to this work, for the expenses go on all the time.

We recommend that the statistical table of our work in the minutes of the

State Baptist Convention be published in our minutes in connection with this report.

Respectfully submitted,

E. L. WESSON,  
J. SKINNER,  
W. D. PAGE,  
T. F. HOLT,  
L. M. BURGE.

### STATE MISSIONS.

The success of State Missions during the last twenty-six years is not only phenomenal, but a source of profound gratitude to every lover of souls, and Jesus Christ, the savior of souls.

This work, as planned and managed by our wise and efficient Secretary, Dr. A. V. Rowe, is carried on from six centers of operation, namely: (1) Sending the gospel into destitute places; (2) Helping weak churches; (3) Church building; (4) Sunday-Schools; (5) Colportage; (6) Sustentation.

As there will be special reports on Sunday-Schools, Colportage and Sustentation, we will notice—

(1) SENDING THE GOSPEL INTO DESTITUTE PLACES.—As the unsettled districts of our State fill up with inhabitants, and as towns spring up along the new lines of railroad that are continually threading our State, the Convention Board, under the supervision of Dr. Rowe, sends preachers into these centers to pre-empt the ground for Christ and His truth. This work is in accord with the spirit of the gospel, and has been wonderfully successful.

(2) HELPING WEAK CHURCHES.—There are weak churches in a number of towns that, with judicious help given in time, will soon become self-supporting, and then fellow-helpers in sustaining and building up other weak points. Corinth and Rienzi are examples within our association, while Aberdeen, First Church, Hattiesburg, Meridian, Greenville and Oxford are beautiful examples in different parts of the State. This work has proven most satisfactory, and the time, care, prayers and money used in this department of our great State work has brought back the best returns into our general work.

(3) CHURCH BUILDING.—This is a new department of our State work, but it is fraught with great possibilities. Contributions made to this work now will be of untold value to the work at Clarksdale, Gulfport, Gunnison, Morehead, Rolling Fork, Tuscola, Tunica and Yazoo City, where houses of worship are an absolute necessity to the success of our cause.

Your committee, therefore, recommends that our pastors inform themselves and their churches with reference to the importance of these three great departments of our State work, and that we contribute during the Third Quarter of our associational year in proportion to the importance and needs of our State work.

E. E. THORNTON,  
J. C. HENDERSON,  
ISAAC MELTON,  
E. W. WILBANKS.

## Treasurer's Report.

1899.		Dr.	1898.		Cr.
June 1	Paid J F Russell, missionary...	\$20 00	Sept 13	By cash on hand....	112 65
June 26	Paid L S Foster, for tracts....	5 05	1899.		
July 3	Paid J F Russell, missionary...	20 00	Sept 16	By cash for minutes	38 25
July 20	Paid W T Lowry, prech'rs sch'l	15 00	Sept 16	State missions ...	25 20
Aug. 1	Paid W A Turnage, missionary	15 00		Foreign missions	12 74
Sept 1	Paid J F Russell, missionary...	20 00		Home missions....	4 64
Sept 1	Paid J W Burrens, extra service	3 00		Associational....	105 26
Sept 1	Paid for stamps .....	20		Orphans Home...	9 80
Sept 16	Paid G W Dudley for minutes	38 25		Cash col. Orp Hm	25 00
Sept 16	Paid A V Rowe, foreign miss'n	12 74			
Sept 16	Paid A V Rowe, home miss'n	4 64			
Sept 16	Paid A V Rowe, state mission	25 20			
Sept 16	Paid A V Rowe, Orphans Home	9 75			
Sept 16	Paid W G Mahaffey, missionary	10 00			
Sept 16	Paid L S Foster, Orphanage...	25 00			
Sept 16	Balance on hand .....	109 71			
		333 54			333 54

J. W. BURRENS, Treasurer.



## Statistical Table.

NAMES OF CHURCHES	CLERKS.	POSTOFFICE.	PASTORS.	Baptized.	Rec'd by Letter.	Restored.	Total Last Year.	Dis'm'd by Letters	Erased.	Excluded.	Died.	Total this Year.	Total Membership.
Antioch No. 1	J C Dickson	Silver Spring	C. L. Richardson	15	3		18	12		2	1	15	64
Antioch No. 2	J T Harris	Dry Run	C. L. Richardson	2	9		11	1		2	2	3	39
Baldwyn	W E Thomas	Baldwyn	G. M. Savage	14	4		18	1		1	1	1	84
Bonesville	J W Smith	Booneville	E. E. Thornton	3	3		3						125
Bethlehem	J N Wilbanks	Theo.	J. C. Henderson	4	4		4	7		1	2	10	30
Brush Creek	M O Elledge	Burnsville	W. L. Norman	2			2			1	1	1	89
Burnsville	D R Barnett	Cartersville	A. J. Sherrill	13	1		14	2				1	128
Cross Roads	A Derryberry	Chewalla, Tenn.	W. M. Henderson	6	29		35	6		1	1	7	273
Chewalla	J C Liama	Corinth	E. L. Wesson	4	1		5			1	1	1	88
Corinth	J B Bradberry	Wenesoga	J. F. Russell	6	1		1	1		2	1	3	110
Cane Creek	J H Vest	Corinth	V. A. West	1	1		2						38
Farmington	D T Beall	Booneville	A. J. Sherrill	1	1		2						57
Friendship	W T Wilson	Booneville	W. M. Norman	1	1		2						33
Gaston	P T Wilbanks	Eagle	W. L. Norman	1	1		2						42
Glendale	J E Miller	Theo.	E. J. Russell	2	1		3			1	2	2	112
Harmony	L A Chambers	Farme.	W. D. Page	1	1		2						8
Hinkle Creek	E D Glenn	Alsboro, Ala.	L. E. Thornton	4	5		9	4		1		5	139
Hughes Chapel	W A Richardson	Inka	E. E. Thornton										68
Inka	G W Spencer	Kossuth	A. L. Spencer										8
Kossuth	Bud Harwie	Kossuth	W. L. Norman	1	5		6						26
Lone Oak	Liberty Hill	Eagle	D. R. McClung	9	1		10	3				3	184
Liberty Hill	J W Denson	Elma	L. R. Burress	1	1		2					1	37
Little Brown Creek	W H Youngblood	Geewille	W. D. Page	3	1		4				3	3	70
Mt. Olive	J R Kledge	Bartons	W. L. Norman	8			8						26
Mt. Providence	G W Bishop	Inka	J. Skinner							2	2	4	58
Mt. Gilthead	J E Childers	Jacinto	W. L. Norman	7	6		13					1	38
Mt. Joy	W H Skinner	Burnsville	J. Skinner	3	2		5					1	128
New Salem	C R Lewy	Inka	G. M. Savage	4	4		8					2	36
New Prospect	W R Prewitt	Daltonville	W. M. Page	2	2		4					5	41
Osborn Creek	Isaac Melton	Rienzi	E. E. Thornton	2	4		6						86
Piney Grove	C B Curtee	Rienzi	E. E. Thornton	2	2		4						114
Rensal	W G Bishop	Inka	A. J. Sherrill								13	2	73
Sardis	J H Layton	Theo.	T. J. Perry									2	15
Shiloh	A B Nichols	Cuba	Thomas Moreland	22	8		30						30
Tuscumbia	J F Davis	Hatchle	S. T. Ledbetter	1	3		4						13
Union No. 2	L M Barge	Wheeler	G. M. Savage										
Wheeler													

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Yours for the gracious master &  
a year of great prosperity  
L R Burress

JAN 27 1902

Accept sympathy + gratitude for yr work. I cheerfully  
comply in sending this. I mailed you one in Dec. last.

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## TISHOMINGO BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

—HELD WITH—

### IUKA BAPTIST CHURCH,

TISHOMINGO COUNTY, MISS.

SEPTEMBER 17, 18 and 19, 1901.

#### OFFICERS:

HON. E. S. CANDLER, Jr.

Moderator.

G. W. DUDLEY,

Clerk.

#### EXECUTIVE BOARD:

J. S. BERRY, CHAIRMAN,

L. R. BURRESS,

C. R. LACEY,

T. F. HOLT,

J. V. ALEXANDER,

L. M. BURGE,

H. J. DALTON.

#### NEXT MEETING,

Corinth, Miss. Friday before the Third  
Sunday in September, 1902

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## Tishomingo Baptist Association.

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### FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Met with Suka Baptist Church on Tuesday, September 17, 1901.

Called to order at 10 a. m. by Hon. E. S. Candler, Jr., Moderator, who read a portion of third and fourth chapters of Ephesians and offered prayer.

Elder J. S. Berry was appointed by the Moderator to conduct the opening services, who read the 84th Psalm and made appropriate remarks.

Brothers E. D. Glenn and W. G. Mahaffey were appointed as reading clerks.

On a call for letters the following churches responded:

Antioch, No. 2—By letter.

Burnsville—W. G. Gray, J. W. Lovelace, W. L. Norman.

Baldwyn—J. S. Berry, Mrs. Burress.

Bethlehem—J. R. Speakman.

Bethel—W. M. Glover.

Booneville—M. J. Derrick, J. V. Alexander.

Brush Creek—By letter only.

Cane Creek—Peter Smith, J. A. Speare.

Cayce Creek—R. E. Majors.

Chewalla—Thos. Moreland, A. H. Derryberry, J. D. Mullins.

Corinth—Elder A. Crouch, E. S. Candler, Jr., C. S. Smith and wife, Miss Georgia Garrett, Miss Hallie Garrett.

Candler—James Hill.

Cross Roads—J. H. Bell, J. W. Martin.

Farmington—Charles Wilhite and wife.

Friendship—J. H. Vest.

Gaston—Misses Laura Hedspeth, Elize Elliott, D. T. Beall, Henry Parker.

Glendale—Miss Dora Dowd, G. W. Lowrey, W. T. Wilson.  
 Hughes Chapel—W. D. Page.  
 Harmony—D. B. McKenzie, Jesse Willbanks.  
 Hinkle Creek—J. E. Miller, W. M. Henderson, J. A. Gray,  
     Mrs. Gray, Miss Gray.  
 Iuka—G. W. Dudley, W. J. Dugger, D. J. Akers.  
 Kossuth—J. W. Doggett, T. J. Perry.  
 Little Brown's Creek—G. W. Underwood.  
 Mount Providence—J. R. Elledge, W. C. Timbes.  
 Mount Gilead—L. E. Bonds, T. D. Davis, Joseph Glenn.  
 Mount Olive—L. R. Burress, Mrs. Burress, J. O. Nelson, F.  
     Sheppard.  
 New Prospect—J. C. Hughes, D. E. Bonds, J. D. Fairless.  
 New Salem—Miss Roxie Skinner, Miss Virgie McDougal, W.  
     T. Akers.  
 Osborn Creek—J. W. Muse, John Spain, Jr.  
 Oak Hill—W. G. Anderson.  
 Piney Grove—By letter.  
 Rienzi—B. M. Savage, Mrs. B. M. Savage.  
 Shiloh—R. F. Coke, J. H. Layton, W. T. Stein.  
 Sardis—G. E. Bishop, W. G. Bishop.  
 Tuscumbia—W. J. Reardon.  
 Wheeler—Ed Muse.

The reading of church letters being concluded, the election of officers for the ensuing year was next in order. Elder A. V. Rowe and T. J. Perry were appointed to take up the ballot, and announced the re-election of Hon. E. S. Candler, Jr., as Moderator, and G. W. Dudley as Clerk.

Elder L. R. Burress, in a few feeling remarks, presented to the Association the request of Mrs. Julia B. Candler, of Corinth, Miss., for the prayers of the body for her recovery from an attack of fever which had lasted for forty days. The request was complied with, Elder A. V. Rowe leading the prayer.

On motion the introductory sermon was postponed until Wednesday at 11 a. m.

On a call for correspondence the following messengers were recognized and invited to seats:

Elder A. V. Rowe, State Secretary and Representative of the Baptist.

Elder W. D. Page, Tombigbee Association.

Elder W. E. Lancaster, Colbert Association.

Dr. and Mrs. W. M. Ellis, Colbert Association.

The Moderator appointed the following representatives to other bodies:

Elder J. S. Berry, W. G. Anderson and S. J. Ledbetter, to Tippah Association.

Elders L. R. Burress, J. S. Berry, T. J. Perry, W. G. Mahaffey, W. E. Hunter, A. Crouch and Brothers J. H. McGee and J. R. Speakman to the Southern Baptist Convention.

Elders J. S. Berry, L. R. Burress, and Brothers Jesse Jones and D. H. Phillips to West Judson Association.



Elders L. R. Burrese, Brothers G. W. Underwood, W. C. Den-  
son to Tombigbee Association.

The reading and discussion of reports was then taken up. (See Reports.)

The Association then went into the selection of time and place of meeting.

Corinth was the place selected. Time, Friday before the third Sunday in September, 1902.

Committee on Preaching reported Elder A. V. Rowe to preach tonight at the Baptist Church.

The Association then adjourned to Wednesday at 9 a. m.

#### WEDNESDAY'S SESSION.

The Association met promptly at 9 a. m.

Devotional exercises by Elder W. M. Henderson, reading 15th Psalm.

Prayer by Elder A. Crouch.

The morning hour was spent in discussion of the various reports on missions.

At 11 a. m. the introductory sermon was preached by Elder L. R. Burrese. Text, 10th chapter 2d Corinthians, 12th and 13th verses. Subject, "The Measuring Line of God." It was an able and exhaustive presentation of a great subject.

The Association took recess to 2 p. m.

Reassembled at appointed hour.

Prayer by Elder Thos. Moreland.

Discussion of reports was resumed. At the conclusion of discussion of report on Associational Missions, the following pledges for this object were made:

Antioch, No. 2, \$5.00; Baldwyn, \$20.00; Bethlehem, \$5.00; Booneville, \$25.00; Burnsville, \$10.00; Cane Creek, \$10.00; Cayce Creek, \$2.50; Corinth, \$50.00; Chewalla, \$5.00; Farmington, \$10.00; Gaston, \$5.00; Glendale, \$5.00; Harmony, \$1.00; Hinkle Creek, \$10.00; Hughes Chapel, \$1.00; Iuka, \$15.00; Kossuth, \$15.00; Mt. Gilead, \$5.00; Mt. Olive, \$20.00; Mt. Providence, \$5.00; New Prospect, \$5.00; Oak Hill, \$10.00; Osborn Creek, \$10.00; Rienzi, \$5.00; Shiloh, \$5.00; Sardis, \$5.00; Tuscumbia, \$5.00.

#### Chairmen of Committees.

Pursuant to a standing rule of this Association, the Moderator appointed the following Chairmen of the several committees, and if they should not be present at the next Association they should prepare a report and mail it to the Clerk before the day that the Association convenes:

State Missions—Elder Austin Crouch.

Foreign Missions—Elder J. S. Berry.

Home Missions—Elder W. E. Hunter.

Associational Missions—Elder L. R. Burrese.

Schools, Colleges and Ministerial Education—Elder J. F. Russell.

Sunday Schools and Sabbath Observance—J. W. Doggett.

Christian Citizenship—J. W. Muse.

Publications—J. O. Looney.  
 Baptist Orphanage—L. M. Burge.  
 B. Y. P. U.—Elder W. G. Mahaffey.  
 Systematic Giving—C. R. Lacey.  
 Obituaries—Elder T. Moreland.  
 State of Religion—Elder T. J. Perry.  
 Nominations—J. E. Miller.  
 Finance—Elder J. S. Berry.

Committee on Preaching reported that the Moderator, E. S. Candler, Jr., would preach tonight at the Baptist Church, and Elder W. E. Hunter at the Methodist Church.

Elder L. R. Burress read a letter from Elder E. Z. Simmons, Missionary at Canton, China, which is published elsewhere. The Association joined in prayer for our foreign missionaries, led by Elder J. S. Berry.

The Association took recess until after night service.

Reassembled after night service and resumed consideration of reports.

Collection for Orphanage was taken and \$8.66 realized therefrom.

The Association adjourned to Thursday at 9 a. m.

#### THURSDAY'S SESSION.

The Association met promptly at 9 a. m.

Devotional exercises conducted by Elder J. F. Russell.

Other reports were then received, read and discussed.

The following resolutions, presented by W. G. Anderson, were adopted:

Whereas, This meeting of the Association has been exceedingly pleasant, profitable and edifying; therefore be it

Resolved, That we extend our hearty and sincere thanks to the membership of the Iuka Baptist Church, as well as our friends of other denominations, and the citizens generally, for the open-handed hospitality and generous entertainment extended us, and to the Methodist brethren especially, for the use of their church. We extend, also, our thanks to the Moderator and Clerk for efficient and prompt service, and direct that out of the minute fund the Clerk be paid \$10.00 for his services, the remainder of said fund to be expended in printing the minutes of this Association.

Adopted unanimously.

A collection was taken up to supplement the minute fund, of \$9.53.

By J. R. Speakman:

Resolved, That the churches of this Association, which have not at this meeting made pledges for Associational Missions, be requested to consider this matter as soon as possible and send a pledge to Elder J. S. Berry, Baldwin, Miss.

At the close of the business of the Association a twenty-minute sermon was preached by Elder J. S. Berry, and the Association then took the parting hand, and was declared adjourned.

G. W. DUDLEY,  
 Clerk.

E. S. CANDLER, JR.,  
 Moderator.

### Our Dead.

MT. GILEAD—Sisters Mary Bonds, Margaret Kennedy.

CORINTH—Sister Ora Andrews.

IUKA—Sister Nannie Chambers.

CANDLER—Sister Etta Crouch.

GASTON—Brother J. T. Stutts.

NEW SALEM—Brethren A. W. Chambers and S. Lasley Rodgers.

NEW SALEM—Sisters M. A. Anderson, Sarah Osborne.

CHEWALLA—Brother W. L. Suggs.

BETHEL—Brother Nathan Pettit.

SHILOH—Sisters Lizzie McCarter, Ludie Hively.

CANE CREEK—Sisters Mollie Gurley, Emma Martindale.

HINKLE CREEK—Sisters M. A. Cheaver, Elizabeth Gammill, Bettie Bray.

OSBORN CREEK—Sister Hattie M. Garner.

FARMINGTON—Brother M. F. Carter.

MT. PROVIDENCE—Sister Rushing.

PINEY GROVE—Sister Margaret Barrett.

MT. OLIVE—Sister Elizabeth Wages.



### Sunday Schools.

The following churches report Sunday Schools:

Church.	Av. Attendance.
Rienzi—M. J. Savage, Supt.; Mrs. Roeltary, Secy.....	25
Hinkle Creek—J. E. Miller, Supt.; Miss Laura Holt, Secy.....	42
Booneville—J. V. Alexander, Supt.; Henry Everett, Secy.....	35
Bethel—E. C. Wilson, Supt.; Secretary not given.....	15
Osborn Creek—John Spain, Jr., Supt.; Secretary not given....	20
Corinth—E. S. Candler, Jr., Supt.; A. L. Riding, Secy.....	50
Chewalla—M. H. Hensley, Supt.; Nebraska Derryberry, Secy...	25
Bethlehem—J. N. Willbanks, Supt.; S. M. Mullins, Secy.....	15
Harmony—Jesse Willbanks, Supt.; C. J. Crum, Secy.....	30
Iuka—G. W. Dudley, Supt.; W. J. Glenn, Secy.....	24 1-7
Glendale—W. T. Wilson, Supt.; Emma Chandler, Secy.....	25
Kossuth—J. W. Doggett, Supt.; Mrs. Azalie Russell, Secy....	35
New Prospect—J. C. Hughes, Supt.; Miss May Robinson, Secy.	25
Cross Roads—D. R. Barnett, Supt.; W. H. Davenport, Secy....	20
Baldwyn—J. B. Jones, Supt.; Miss Lynda Berry, Secy.....	26
Mt. Olive—J. H. McGee, Supt.; Miss Nellie Morris, Secy.....	50

(Note by Clerk.—Several churches known to have Sunday Schools have failed to report them.)

### Nominations.

We, your Committee on Nominations, recommend the following members of the Executive Board for ensuing year:

J. S. Berry, L. R. Burress, C. R. Lacey, T. F. Holt, J. V. Alexander, L. M. Burge, H. J. Dalton.

Elder J. S. Berry to preach associational sermon, with Elder J. F. Russell as alternate.

Delegates to Southern Baptist Convention: G. W. Dudley, Elder A. Crouch.

Respectfully submitted,

J. T. HARRIS,

G. W. GLOVER,

A. BENJAMIN,

Committee.

### List of Committees.

State of Religion—W. G. Anderson, J. W. Doggett, W. J. Dugger, T. D. Davis, W. D. Page.

Baptist Orphanage—B. A. P. Selman, A. J. Dalton, J. R. Ell-edge, D. J. Akers, J. O. Hubbard, Jesse Willbanks.

Devotional Exercises—D. T. Beall, J. W. Doggett, with Pastor and Deacons of Iuka Church.

Association Missions—J. S. Berry, J. O. Nelson, Ed. Muse, G. W. Underwood, W. G. Gray, W. T. Wilson.

Foreign Missions—Austin Crouch, D. T. Beall, D. E. Bonds, Peter Smith, James Hill, Thos. Moreland.

Schools and Colleges—W. G. Mahaffey, A. H. Derryberry, W. M. Glover, J. H. Bell, G. W. Lowrey, F. Sheppard.

State Missions—M. J. Derrick, L. E. Bonds, W. M. Henderson, T. J. Perry, W. G. Bishop.

B. Y. P. U.—W. E. Hunter, J. W. Doggett, J. H. Vest, J. R. Speakman, G. E. Bishop.

Christian Citizenship—J. F. Russell, C. S. Smith, W. G. Anderson, J. E. Miller, J. A. Gray, Frank Coke.

Sunday School and Sabbath Observance—W. J. Derrick, J. V. Alexander, J. H. Layton, W. T. Stein, Frank Smith, Joseph Spears.

Publications—Thos. Moreland, Chas. Willhite, J. W. Muse, John Spain, Jr., B. M. Savage, Henry Parker, W. C. Timbes.

Systematic Giving—T. J. Perry, W. J. Reardon, Jesse Jones, W. M. Glover, J. H. Vest.

Obituaries—E. D. Glenn, W. J. Dugger, F. O. Browning.

Nominations—J. T. Harris, G. W. Glover, J. W. Lovelace, Jas. Benjamin, D. B. McKenzie.

Home Missions—L. R. Burriss, J. C. Hughes, W. T. Akers, J. ... Martin, Franklin Moore, R. E. Majors.

### Woman's Missionary Society.

The following churches report Woman's Missionary Societies. Only two give the amount of money raised:

Church.	President.	Secretary.	Contributions.
Baldwyn	Mrs. Maggie Berry	Mrs. Cora Youngblood	....\$45.00
Booneville	Mrs. W. R. Whitesides	Mrs. N. G. Walton	....
Corinth	Mrs. Annie Crouch	Mrs. E. P. Simmons	.....
Kossuth	Mrs. Lillie B. Underwood	Mrs. Azalie Russell	.. 43.60
Mt. Olive	Miss Maggie Morris	Miss Sallie Randolph	....

### List of Ordained Ministers.

Antioch, No. 2—J. T. Harris and W. M. Bynum, licentiate.  
 Burnsville—W. L. Norman, J. W. Lovelace.  
 Bethlehem—J. R. Speakman, C. M. Willbanks.  
 Bethel—G. W. Glover, Marietta, Miss.  
 Booneville—M. J. Derrick, J. G. Archer.  
 Corinth—Austin Crouch, Corinth, Miss.  
 Friendship—A. J. Sherrill, Kossuth, Miss.  
 Hinkle Creek—W. M. Henderson, W. E. Hunter, T. Lynch, licentiate.  
 Kossuth—T. J. Perry, J. F. Russell, E. Z. Simmons.  
 Mt. Olive—L. R. Burriss, A. Kellar, licentiate.  
 New Salem—J. Skinner, Burnsville, Miss.  
 New Prospect—J. C. Hughes, Iuka, Miss.  
 Oak Hill—T. B. Roberts, L. A. Bell.  
 Rienzi—G. H. Savage, Rienzi, Miss.  
 Sardis—F. G. Erwin, Iuka, Miss.  
 Tusculumbia—C. A. Deloach, Jackson, Tenn.

### Young People's Work.

Your Committee on Young People's Work submits the following report:

One of the great needs of the church is to enlist every member in active and personal work for the Lord's Kingdom. We need active, praying, working church members, and believe that such active members can be had by early training. And we believe one of the best ways of securing this training is through the B. Y. P. U. movement. The work of the Union is the study of the scriptures, singing of songs, prayers offered, and talks made by different members on subjects assigned.

The object of this work is to obtain a devout and systematic study of God's word; this is in keeping with Christ's admonition, "Search the Scriptures." We seek to instruct the young in Baptist history and doctrine, and to enlist them in missionary activities through the exist-

ing denominational organizations. Recognizing the great benefits of this work, we recommend that the churches of this Association encourage the work of the Baptist Young People's Union.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM E. HUNTER,

*Chairman.*

J. W. DOGGETT,

J. R. SPEAKMAN,

J. H. VEST,

JAMES E. GLENN,

*Committee.*

### Report on Home Missions.

Home Missions mean vastly more to us than the welfare of my, or our immediate community. When we consider the wide, and ever widening field committed to the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, we have mapped out a vast territory of land, and increasing millions of people who spend their probation in this field and are hastened away to their spiritual destinies. These millions are our native people, supplemented by foreigners from the nations of the world. All need "the water of life" to save them from that land where rich men beg for the finger dipped in water, to cool their tongue.

The work of the Home Mission Board during the conventional year of 1899 and 1900, in its various phases, each of which is important, involved the support of 671 missionaries in whole or in part, who rendered 16,919 weeks of labor. Number of preaching places occupied, 2,168. The results reported were 5,696 persons baptized, 6,255 otherwise added to the Baptist Churches of this territory. New churches established, 195, and 71 houses of worship were built and 63 repaired. Also 639 Sunday Schools organized, into which were gathered 24,675 persons. Some of this work was done in co-operation with similar boards operating under the direction of their respective State conventions.

The amounts given for this work aggregated \$79,366.68, of which Mississippi Baptists gave \$3,252.96.

These amounts do not include the gifts of merchandise sent to our more needy missionaries by our toiling and noble women, which gifts were valued at \$27,089.64. (I have not the report of last year, which is an increase over this.) This system of co-operation and the general policy of the Home Mission Board have been matters of unfavorable comment. Not using any mantle of charity to cover the unwisdom of any act of these boards, whose officers should have, and doubtless did their every act in all good conscience before God and man, we declare with no uncertain sound our gratitude for the past which has given so much fruit to the present, while we send forth an appeal for the strengthening and continuance of this system.

Many of the unfavorable comments come from brethren who denounce infallibility in the pope, yet demand it of board secretaries.

Our fathers established the admirable system of our organized methods, which has brought unto us such wonderful growth, the numbers and influence in connection with the churches, associations, and conventions. Let it not be forgotten that it was through the aid of the H. M. B. of the S. B. convention that the churches in many, and perhaps the most influential centers of interest, were sustained in their beginning or some in subsequent trying period. For the sake of many other undeveloped centers of influence, and new ones constantly forming, let us with one voice and with a helpful hand join the appeal to continue this system. Very many of the places have, under providence of God, not only grown beyond the necessity of aid, but are now the most liberal contributors to the board.

Our frontier lines need to be adjusted by our gospel. The African race, whose lot is cast with us, is a strong factor in the present, and their future good depends upon how the "white man" bears this "burden." If the gospel shall guide this bearing good shall result to us and them.



There are yet many Indians unsaved. The white man took their earthly home, shall he not at least go tell the remnant of the Heavenly Home.

In these days has been given to our Home Mission work, the spiritual interests of Cuba. The cry is, "Come over and help us." The Indian Territory, Oklahoma, New Mexico and many places of our own Southern States call for the helping and giving hand of Home Missions. From every field in the domain which God has given to us come calls pressing as never before, which can not be met save by largely increased gifts to this work. This seems easily possible, if the needs of this work could be properly presented to all of our people. It was reported by the Home Mission Board in the Southern Baptist Convention of 1900, the following distressing statement: "It is safe to say that, after these more than fifty years, not half of all the churches have been reached by the convention, and hardly one in ten of all the members gives one cent toward this sacred effort for the propagation of the gospel." This being true, our meagre contributions can be accounted for by a want of knowledge on the part of our people, rather than for lack of means in their hands.

Can we, as an Association of Missionary Baptists, give the needed information to every member of every church of the Tishomingo Baptist Association. This seems feasible. The active attendance of the messengers of the churches in this annual meeting, the pious deacons, whose right it is to "purchase to themselves a good degree, and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ, Jesus," the zealous pastors, whose duty it is to take heed unto themselves and all the flock over which they have been made overseers, both to feed and to lead in paths of service, seems a sufficient solution of this question. These messengers, these deacons, these pastors, reinforced by other willing ones, both men and women in the churches, surely can give the *needed* information and secure the *needed* aid, "remembering that it is the Lord, thy God, that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant." "Go ye into all the world." How can the "ye" go unless they be sent. How can they be sent without the means to go? How can the means "to go" be available unless contributed by the individual members?

It is recommended therefore, that this Association urge these several factors of power to much diligence in eliciting contributions from all.

It is also recommended that the Association heartily expresses its confidence in the Christly spirit and sincere labors of our brethren of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, assuring them of our co-operation in their most important work.

May the Saviour, the guide of all saints, give willing minds and ready hands to His people.

We express our deep sorrow for the loss, in death, of Dr. F. H. Kerfoot, the able and beloved Secretary of the Home Mission Board. And yet he is not lost in death, for it is written, "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord, they rest from their labors and their works do follow them."

Respectfully submitted,

L. R. BURRESS,  
*Chairman.*

J. C. HUGHES,  
W. T. AKERS,  
J. W. MARTIN,  
FRANKLIN MOORE,  
R. E. MAYERS,  
*Committee.*

### Ministers and Deacons' Meeting.

The Ministers' and Deacons' meeting for the Second District was held at Piney Grove Church, beginning on Friday before the 4th Sunday in July, 1901. Four churches were represented. Organized by the election of W. D. Page as Moderator, and W. T. Wilson, Clerk. First question discussed was, "What is the proper way to call a pastor?" Discussed by W. D. Page, H. C. Parker, W. T. Wilson. Adopted. Second,

"Is it proper for a pastor to demand a stipulated salary?" Discussed by M. Belcher, W. D. Page, H. C. Parker, et al. Third, "Who is a proper subject for baptism? Who has a right to administer it?" Discussed by W. D. Page and H. C. Parker. Adjourned to Saturday at 8:30 a. m.

Reassembled Saturday.

Fourth, "What are the duties of Deacons?" Discussed by W. D. Page, J. A. Harper, H. C. Parker. Fifth, "Why ought I to be a Christian?" Discussed by W. D. Page, W. T. Wilson, S. A. Burcham, J. A. Harper, M. S. Potts.

Here the meeting dispensed with business and had a good old time handshake and halleluiah. Adjourned for refreshments.

Afternoon—"Why am I a Baptist?" Discussed by H. C. Parker, M. Belcher, J. A. Parker, et al. "Why do Baptist people have union meetings?" H. C. Parker, W. D. Page.

The Committee on Program and next place of meeting reported as follows: Next meeting to be held with Glendale Church, between Corinth and Burnsville, on the Southern Railroad, on Friday before the third Sunday in August, 1902.

Subjects for discussion—

(1) "Shall This Identical Body Rise Again at the Resurrection?" E. F. Romine, J. C. Hughes.

(2) "Why Do Baptist People Believe in Close Baptism?" G. W. Dudley, J. C. Hughes.

(3) "How Can I Be a Christian?" W. D. Page, W. T. Wilson.

(4) "Why Ought I to Be a Christian?" C. C. Harris, M. L. Potts.

We have received the following amounts during the year:

Rienzi, \$4.92; New Prospect, \$1.00; Oak Hill, \$6.26; Booneville, \$8.00; Baldwyn, \$10.64; Baldwyn Ladies' Aid Society, \$1.50; Meadow Creek, \$2.50; total, \$34.82.

### Report of Executive Board.

We employed the following missionaries: J. F. Russell, W. G. Mahaffey, L. R. Burrress, W. E. Hunter and W. L. Norman.

There were twelve meetings held, resulting in about sixty-five conversions and about fifty baptisms. Our missionaries have done a fine work this year, for which we are thankful to the Master. Tennyloou Church was organized under our missionary work. We feel grateful to the Association for the pledges made for the coming year. The work can now be enlarged.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. BERRY, *Chairman.*

### Baptist Orphanage.

Report of Committee on Baptist Orphanage:

This Orphanage is located in the city of Jackson, incorporated in 1894; owns 112 acres of land and is controlled by a Board of Trustees, with Brother L. S. Foster as Superintendent. It has no endowment, and is dependent for maintenance on donations. The present buildings accommodate about fifty children, and they are full to overflowing, and many applications being made that have to be turned away. When good homes, by adoption or otherwise, can be secured, they are given children to fill them. Forty-five have left the Orphanage, many being placed with families desiring them. On June 1 the Home was caring for fifty-one. A three-story brick building is in course of erection. Brother Foster writes under date of August 24, that the walls are finished and the roof going on. It will cost, furnished, \$11,000, and will accommodate 150 children. The contractor hopes to have it finished by October 1st. This will meet a pressing want, but money is needed to pay it out. The Baptist convention at McComb City in July, pledged \$6,000 for this purpose; the property is unincumbered.

The great necessity for water has been met by having a deep well bored, which furnishes good water in abundance. The total value of the property, not including the three-story brick building, as estimated by the Superintendent on June 1, 1901, is \$18,000.

There has been only four deaths among the children since the opening.

The Orphanage is a monument of which the Baptists of Mississippi should be proud. The good and beneficial results that will come from it are beyond estimation; it has passed through the critical period—and it needs nothing but faith in God, generous and cheerful donations and hearty amens to make it an institution of great and lasting good.

Respectfully submitted,

B. A. P. SELMAN,  
*Chairman.*

A. J. DALTON,  
J. C. HUBBARD,  
D. J. AKERS,  
JESSE WILLBANKS,  
*Committee.*

### Sunday School and Sabbath Observance.

The Sunday School and the Observance of the Sabbath are two different subjects, but they are so closely related that they may well be considered together.

The Sunday School is a department of our church work, which, if it is conducted properly, is one of the greatest aids for teaching God's word, and advancing our Redeemer's Kingdom. The Sunday School and the Prayer Meeting are said by some one to be the lungs of the church. The command is: "And these words which I command thee this day shall be in thine heart: and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up, and thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes. And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates."

The commands are to be well known, to be thoroughly taught to the children. The Sunday School is one of the best places to teach them.

Sabbath Observance seems to be a lost art. Look around on the streets; in the country; wherever you please, and you see boys and girls, young men and older ones, utterly disregarding God's holy day.

His command is, "Thou shalt keep the Sabbath day holy." The day is for man to rest from his labors and to worship the name of God. In Proverbs we read: "My son, keep thy father's commandment and forsake not the law of thy mother; bind them continually upon thine heart, and tie them about thy neck."

This command to keep the Sabbath day holy is the command of our Heavenly Father; shall we not regard and keep His commandments?

M. J. DERRICK,  
*Chairman.*

J. F. SMITH,  
J. A. SPEAR,  
W. L. STEIN,  
J. H. LAYTON,  
J. W. LOVELACE,  
*Committee.*

### Foreign Missions.

The work in Foreign Missions, this last year, has been very gratifying indeed. Despite the many drawbacks in some fields, the Lord's hand has wrought mightily. At present in China, there seems to be a reaction in favor of the missionaries, and we yet hope for great things in that sleepy empire. A great revival is now sweeping over Japan—the wide-awake empire of the far-off seas.

Our Foreign Board, located at Richmond, Va., is doing as most know, work in six foreign countries. Of these three are Pagan Fields—Japan, China and Africa, and three are Papal Fields—Mexico, Italy and Brazil. The Board, this last conventional year, raised for the work \$156,083.33. Of this amount Mississippi gave \$9,039.15, thus standing eighth in the line of contributors. We give you a table of the work done in these six fields:



Statistical Table of Southern Baptist Convention Foreign Mission Work  
1900-1901.

China .....	24	19	30	12	37	13	200	2,440
Africa .....	6	4	3	2	7	2	33	382
Italy .....	24	3	1		26		104	615
Mexico .....	36	7	8	14	16	1	208	1,314
Brazil .....	35	8	9	12	20	1	449	1,932
Japan .....	2	5	5	1	4	3	15	290
Total .....	127	46	56	41	110	20	1,009	6,773

This, of course, is but a small amount of the work done by Baptists in foreign fields. Our brethren of the Northern States, Canada and England are doing a great work. The largest church in the world is the Baptist Church of Ongole, India. Its membership is about twenty-three thousand.

The thing, however, our Association needs most to know is not what *has been* accomplished by others, but what part *have we* and what part *ought we* to take in this great work.

Dear brethren, allow your committee to make an appeal to you. Let each one who hears, or who reads this report, determine: First, to do his or her duty; and second, to see that the church of which you are a member has the subject of foreign missions presented to it. With our heads bowed to the very dust in humility, let us pray God to forgive us our sins of omission. How can we claim the blessing, "And lo, I am with you always," when we refuse to fulfill the requirement: "Go ye and make disciples of *all* the nations." (R. V.)

Respectfully submitted,

AUSTIN CROUCH,  
Chairman.

T. MORELAND,  
D. E. BONDS,  
J. E. HILL,  
PETER SMITH,  
D. T. BEALL,  
Committee.

### Letter from E. Z. Simmons.

MACAO, July 27, 1901.

Rev. M. Z. Derrick:

My Dear Brother and Pastor—I have put off writing to the Association so long that it may not get there in time, so I send it to you and you can pass it around if it does not get there in time.

The political matters here are gradually adjusting themselves, and opportunities for preaching the gospel to the people were never better. The great question with us here is, and should be with you, how can we meet these opportunities aright? The five chapels of our mission that were wrecked last year by mobs have all been rebuilt and are better than they were before they were torn down. The money has been furnished by Chinese officials. In some cases we have had to add something to have these buildings just as they are needed, but no mission money has been used. I have had charge of all this rebuilding, and with other work have been kept very busy. While at home I was often asked if the Chinese did not become Christians to better their worldly condition? And whether they made good, trustworthy Christians or not? And I often saw in papers and heard it said that "missionaries lived in fine brick houses and had a good time, and received big salaries." I don't believe I have ever seen a foreign missionary that would continue his work if the salary was the inducement. The events of last year answer the question whether they have a good time. One hundred and eighty-six men, women and children were killed in China for the privilege of having a good time preaching the gospel to the Chinese. And there are several times that number that are ready to lay down their lives for the same purpose. And as to whether the Chinese make good Christians: between four and five thousand Protestant Chinese Christians sealed their faith by their blood last year. And

some ten thousand Catholic Christians were killed. And I believe there are ten times as many more that would die for Christ rather than deny the faith. The question is not whether we on this side are willing to die for the gospel; but whether you, as churches, will live if you do not give the gospel to those that have it not. There is no use for churches but to carry on the work of salvation. This is what Christ died for; this is what the churches were organized for, if they were organized according to the gospel plan. I am afraid that some of the churches and more of the members of our beloved Tishomingo Association are "living at a poor dying rate." Brethren, ain't it possible for every church in the Association, and for every member of every church to do something for missions, something for carrying out the commission?

Brethren, I am writing plainly because Christ is not obeyed and men are dying without a knowledge of the plan of salvation. May God help us to do our duty.

Our work was never more encouraging than now. We need money to print Bibles and tracts. We need money for every department of our work. We need men and women to help us in the work. If you haven't much money, many of you have this work. Some of you give yourselves to the work.

Somewhat over 150 have been baptized since the first of the year, and there has been much persecution. This is always a sign of progress. What are soldiers for but to fight?

We go back to Canton next week. We have been here resting for three weeks to gain strength for another year's work, if it is the Lord's will. Pray for us and our work. Wife joins me in Christian love to you all. The Lord's richest blessings be upon the pastors, the churches and the members of the Tishomingo Association. I am,

Yours fraternally,

E. Z. SIMMONS.

### Publications.

We, your Committee on Publications desire to submit the following report:

At no other time in the history of the world have so many newspapers been published as are being published today, and on account of their freshness and newness, never before have they been read to the exclusion of other reading matter, as they are being read today, and they are having a marked influence on the lives and character of our people. They are educating our boys and girls either in the right or the wrong. They are helping to shape the destiny of many a youth.

Our people will read them to the exclusion of all other matter because they are new. There are hardly any families into which some newspaper does not go but there are many families in which the newspaper is the only literature read. This silent visitor is continually at work, having its influence either for good or bad. Some great writer says that we become a part of all we read. This being true, how very careful we should be as to the character of the newspaper we introduce into our homes. We should not read or introduce into our homes vitiating and contaminating cheap literature, which will tend to lead us, our families and our associates to ruin and shame, and to the neglect of all that is good; but we should introduce into our homes that which tends to edify, that which tends to develop the finest qualities, that which tends to teach our hearts and direct our minds to that which is high, pure and noble.

Your committee most heartily commends to your confidence the Baptist, published at Jackson, Miss., also our home and foreign journals and our Sunday School literature, published at Nashville, Tenn.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN SPAIN, JR.,  
J. W. MUSE,  
ELDER T. MORELAND,

CHARLEY WILHITE,  
B. M. SAVAGE,  
HENRY PARKER,

Committee.

### Finance Report.

MINUTES—New Salem, 75c; Chewalla, \$1.50; Bethel, 60; Little Brown, \$1.00; Casey Creek, 50c; Candler, \$1.40; Cane Creek, 85c; Cross Roads, 50c; Burnsville, \$2.15; Glendale, 50c; Friendship, 60c; Kossuth, \$1.10; New Prospect, \$1.00; Gaston, 80c; Wheeler, 50c; Tennyloou, 80c; Mt. Gilead, \$1.00; Shiloh, \$1.38; Farmington, 85c; Harmony, 90c; Tus-cumbia, 50c; Bethlehem, 55c; Osborne Creek, 90c; Mt. Providence, 60c; Rienzi, 75c; Sardis, \$1.00; Brush Creek, 40c; Iuka, \$2.30; Hinkle, 90c; Oak Hill, \$1.02; Corinth, \$5.00; Hughes Chapel, 60c; Piney Grove, 75c; Antioch, No. 2, 30c; Baldwyn, \$1.45; total, \$35.70.

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS—New Salem, 60c; Bethel, 50c; Cane Creek, \$6.25; Cross Roads, \$1.10; Candler, \$3.25; Kossuth, \$13.00; Gaston, \$7.60; Wheeler, \$3.00; Burnsville, \$5.00; Tennyloou, \$1.00; Mt. Gilead, 55c; Bethlehem, \$1.50; Farmington, \$4.50; Harmony, \$2.50; Osborne, \$5.00; Mt. Providence, \$4.00; Brush Creek, \$1.00; Iuka, \$4.10; Hinkle, \$6.05; Shiloh, 25c; Corinth, \$30.00; Hughes Chapel, 55c; Piney Grove, \$1.25; Antioch, No. 2, \$2.00; Baldwyn, \$3.50; Mt. Olive, \$20.00; total, \$128.05.

\*ORPHANS HOME—New Salem, 35c.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION—New Salem, 35c.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—New Salem, 56c; Shiloh, \$2.65.

HOME MISSION BOARD S. B. C.—New Salem, 25c.

Turned over to Executive Board.

J. S. BERRY,  
Chairman.

### Systematic Giving.

We, your committee, desire to submit the following:

Systematic giving is *the* giving, because best for both giver and receiver, and is God's method of giving. "Give unto us this day our daily bread." Luke 11-3. Jacob said, "And of all that thou shall give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee." Gen. 28-22. "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now, saith the Lord of hosts." Reader, fix this in your mind, "the Lord said." He also said: "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store." 1 Cor. 16-2. Systematic giving is taught in all nature, blooming, budding, fruiting—day and night. Systematic giving is best for the giver because the amounts are not so large, and given out of what we have does not take the greater portion of our pile, but leaves nine-tenths for ourselves, still it will annually amount to a great deal more than we would otherwise give. We give it cheerfully, thereby receiving God's blessing, for He loveth a cheerful giver. Systematic giving is better for the receiver because, be he pastor or missionary, lives by system daily—he eats and wears our every day. Systematic giving also saves the receiver high credit prices or interest on money. You are a systematic giver and receiver in your body, in spite of yourself. We ask why not let it be in us as a body of Christians as in the human body.

We recommend that the churches take a collection for some one of the interests fostered by the Southern Baptist Convention at each Sunday meeting. Say that we start it with Associational Missions, State, Home, Foreign, Orphanage, Ministerial Education.

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. J. PERRY,  
JESSE JONES,  
W. J. REARDON,  
W. M. GLOVER,  
Committee.

### State of Religion.

Report of Committee on State of Religion:

We have gathered from the statistics, as shown by the letters to the Association, that many precious revivals of religion have been held within our bounds during the year, even where there was no marked



increase in membership. Nearly two hundred baptisms are reported, with a net increase in membership of nearly 125, which shows that the Lord is blessing his preached word to the salvation of the people. We are glad to note that nearly every church has made some contribution to the causes fostered by our Association. We believe our ministers are zealous and untiring in their efforts to carry out the Divine command, "Go ye and preach the gospel."

We note with sadness that many churches report no pastor's salary, even where they have a large membership. This is a sad condition, for we believe that our pastors should receive a liberal salary.

We notice many churches are in a condition of spiritual lethargy; no contributions to the cause of missions, no Sunday School, no prayer meeting, no young people's society, no pastor's salary. There needs to be a general awakening all along the line.

There are a number of churches in our bounds without pastors. This is not an encouraging condition of religious growth and strength.

We earnestly urge upon the Messengers to this Association to be more zealous in looking after these details of the work, and that next year we may have good reports from every church. Let us have more spirituality, more of the religion of Christ. We again want to recommend that each church report to the Association its religious growth and spiritual condition.

Respectfully submitted,

W. G. ANDERSON,  
J. W. DOGGETT,  
W. D. PAGE,  
W. J. DUGGER,  
*Committee.*

### Christian Citizenship.

Your committee begs leave to submit the following report:

To be a citizen requires but little; but to be a Christian citizen requires a great deal. First, it requires the spirit of Christ, and that means a child of God. Rom. 8-9. Out of this relation true Christian citizenship is developed; for the fruits of the spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance; against such there is no law. Gal. 5-22-23. Second to be a Christian citizen makes us belong to Christ, therefore, we have crucified the flesh with the affections and lust, which are these: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulation, wrath, strife, seditious heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like. Men who are guilty of these can not be a good citizen nor inherit the Kingdom of God. Gal. 5-19-20-21. If we want men to become good Christian citizens we must reach them through the gospel of the Son of God, and in order to more easily reach them we must follow the divine injunction, "shun every appearance of evil." The whisky traffic with all its heinous crimes must go, gambling in its various forms, dancing, base ball playing and everything else that has the tendency of dragging men down, must be shunned and condemned in order that the young may be developed into true Christian citizenship by the gospel of the Lord, Jesus Christ.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. RUSSELL,  
*Chairman.*  
J. E. MILLER,  
J. A. GRAY,  
C. SMITH,  
W. G. ANDERSON,  
R. F. COKE,  
*Committee.*

### Associated Missions.

There is a large field lying right at our doors. In the three counties occupied by this Association there were in 1890 about 36,000 inhabitants. A large number of these are unsaved. To occupy this field successfully requires some sacrifice and a great deal of work. We need to know

the people and their surroundings and adjust ourselves to existing conditions. The country is increasing in population. The people are growing in intelligence; schools are plentiful; reading matter is abundant. Many good things and many hurtful things are spreading themselves abroad in the land. The evil things need to be supplanted by the pure word of God. Strong men are wanted to preach the old gospel in its plainness to the people.

Difficulties confront us, but these will give way before prayerful and consecrated effort. Your committee insists that Associational Missions, which has heretofore been in the rear, ought at once to be brought to the front and be made as prominent as any other mission work. We do not wish to disparage State Missions, Home Missions, or Foreign Missions, but we claim that Associational Missions ought not to be considered as second in importance to any of these. Its claims for support are strong.

The people in this field are nearest us. One's own family has a stronger hold on him than the rest of the world, because they are nearer to him. The unsaved at our very doors appeal to us more powerfully than the far-off heathen for the reason that they are close to us. Hearts unmoved for the lost near by will have no genuine interest in the lost far away. Let us reach out our hands and help the perishing that are all around us and within easy touch.

Associational Mission work is foundation work. The way to build up all missions is to build up missions at home. To neglect Associational Missions is to lessen interest in all mission work.

It is exactly according to the Master's instructions to begin at home as a center and work out in every direction. "Ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem and in Judea and in Samaria and unto the uttermost parts of the earth." So then in building up Associational Missions we build up all missions.

The great question of co-operation is puzzling our leaders in denominational enterprises. "How shall we reach the masses?" "How shall we get the masses to work?" are asked on every hand. Only a few—a little few—of our great Baptist hosts are helping to spread the Master's gospel over a world that is toiling under the curse of sin. Boundless and glorious possibilities are involved in the solution of this great question of co-operation. Give Associational Missions the support it deserves and you will help in no small way to bring about the much desired co-operation in all lines of work.

We appeal to the churches of the Tishomingo Association to stand by their Executive Board. Five hundred dollars ought to be raised next year for this work, and twice as much could be used to advantage. If the churches could be made to see the importance of this work a large contribution could be easily raised for every year in this Association, and every other good work helped at the same time.

J. S. BERRY,

Chairman.

J. O. NELSON,

ED. MUSE,

G. W. UNDERWOOD,

W. G. GRAY,

W. T. WILSON,

Committee.

### Schools and Colleges.

We, your Committee on Schools, Colleges and Ministerial Education, submit the following:

Education is a subject concerning which we, as Baptists who believe in religious freedom, and can not afford to be the least negligent. It is with pleasure that we report to you the desire and effort that is being made among the people to place in the minds of the young higher ideals of life. The time has dawned when our people feel the need of a thorough education. It is our duty to use our utmost endeavor to give the young people correct ideas of true education, and impress them

with its importance and the attainment of higher ideals of refinement and mental culture.

It has been said that if you give a person a high impulse and a good ideal he will go up, but if you give him a low impulse and a bad ideal he will go down. I believe this to be true, for there is nothing bad in improvement, in all lines of business improvements are being made.

The arts, sciences, and inventions are making gigantic strides, and to the successful consummation of all these, it is necessary that education should be kept in the advance guard. This is the touchstone of proving a man's ability, the mirror in showing the way to success, the flower of refinement. What would our country be without schools? It would be a barbarous nation of envy and strife.

So if a little learning is required for a man's success, is it not just as reasonable to suppose then that the better educated a person is, the more worth he will be to his country, home and family. We are glad to note the interest that is being manifested in this cause.

The public schools of our great State are on the advance ground. We have a number of high schools within the borders of our own Association, which are doing a grand work, and are worthy of our respect. Our State officials and the teachers in charge of our University and State Colleges are doing everything in their power to advance the interests of these schools, and are succeeding by turning out young men and women prepared for the duties of life. If you want to know what our schools and colleges are doing for our country, see what those are doing that have been in attendance. We find that they are keeping abreast of the times.

Brethren and Sisters, let us bend our energies along the educational lines by placing the children in a good school, and thereby encourage our denomination to forge its way onward and upward. Our success as a great power and influence for good depends largely upon this work. Some of the ablest and most progressive teachers in the State are Baptists; some of our very best high schools are controlled by Baptist influence, for which let us be more courageous and thank God. But we are not what we were, or could have been; let us learn from this the necessity of taking advantage of the opportunities as they come to us.

Brethren, we are constrained to emphasize more than ever before the importance of Ministerial Education; it should be a qualification next to piety, that he as a leader, may be thoroughly furnished with every good word and work, rightly dividing the word of truth, giving to each his portion in due season. We can not lay too much stress on the necessity of our young men now entering the ministry of getting a thorough college education.

As a means for the advancement of this cause we desire to call your attention to our own Mississippi College. From the reports that have been given we see that the college is moving on nicely and accomplishing great good in its God-given mission. Can we not send our young men and encourage our friends to see what is in store for them? We desire to commend the untiring energy and zeal of our worthy president, Dr. W. T. Lowrey. Let us pray often for our Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky. May its future usefulness be even greater than the past, for we need the influence of those Godly men who are trained there in the deep things of the Bible.

Blue Mountain Female College is an institution worthy of our most hearty support. This is the place for our young ladies; heed the invitation and prepare for life. The Southwestern Baptist University at Jackson, Tenn., is worthy of mention, from the simple fact its president, Dr. G. M. Savage, is a son of our Association. We feel that his influence is being felt by the wonderful success of the University.

A mother will never forget her son, it matters not how far away he may be, there is a fondness for his influence. So let us not forget



our University that is so near our door, but enter young men and ladies in these institutions of culture and refinement.

Respectfully submitted,

W. G. MAHAFFEY,  
*Chairman.*

F. SHEPPARD,  
W. M. GLOVER,  
H. H. DERRYBERRY,  
*Committee.*

### State Missions.

We have abundant reason to rejoice and praise God, because of the manifest presence of God with us in our State Mission work, as also in all our work. We have had the most prosperous year in our State Mission work in the history of our Convention. More money was given to the cause and more substantial progress made in all lines of our work possibly, than any single year previous. This should be especially gratifying to us as the beginning of a new century.

The contributions to this work amounted to about \$10,500.00, but \$1,400.00 of this amount went on the payment of the debt on the Jackson Church. For this reason only about \$9,000.00 went to our missionaries. We rejoice greatly to report this Jackson Church debt all paid off, so that we can now turn all our contributions for State Missions to the spread of the gospel in our State. Because of having to pay this debt we lacked \$577.70 of being able to pay all due the missionaries, but we rejoice to report that there was raised on the floor of the Convention \$675.00, which paid off this debt and left nearly \$100.00 in the treasury.

From all the fields North, South, Central and the Yazoo and Mississippi Valley, the reports are very fine. We may take one word, which writes the history of the year's work, *progress*. For statistics and full information we refer the reader to the report in Convention Minutes, page 51. (Number baptized last year, 341.)

We mention two recommendations in report in Convention Minutes: First, that the Convention instruct the Board of Missions to lay out work for the next conventional year on a basis of not less than \$13,500, which will be an increase of 25 per cent. over last year. Second, "That we pledge ourselves to make an earnest effort to supply the Board with this amount of money for this cause."

With the growth in population and prosperity in our State, this cause appeals to us more strongly than before. Therefore, we, as your committee, ask the Association to accept these recommendations, and do our part toward raising this increase of 25 per cent. We need, as an Association, to co-operate more fully with the State Board than we do.

Respectfully submitted,

M. J. DERRICK,  
THOS. J. PERRY,  
W. M. HENDERSON,  
W. G. BISHOP,  
*Committee.*

### Rules of Order.

ARTICLE 1. The Association shall be opened with prayer.

2. The Moderator shall be considered the Judge of Order, but any member not satisfied with his decision, may appeal, provided the appeal be made on the same day, but at no subsequent time.

3. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speaking as members, but not to vote, unless his vote be necessary to decide a question. If he arises to speak he shall call some other brother to the Chair.

4. All questions brought before the Association shall be introduced by motion, and if seconded shall be opened for discussion, unless withdrawn by the mover or his second. When a subject has been taken up and a reasonable time allowed for its discussion the Moderator shall take the vote by yeas and nays, and if a call for a division be made it shall be decided by members rising.

5. Any member being desirous to speak shall rise and address the Moderator. Only one member shall be allowed to speak at a time, who shall not be interrupted while speaking, unless he departs from the subject, or makes personal reflections.

6. No person shall speak more than once on the same subject until all who wish to speak shall have had an opportunity; not more than twice upon any subject without permission.

7. Every question introduced for discussion shall be decided before another is offered, unless it be laid over, on motion, with the consent of the mover of the resolution.

8. The Association shall in all cases be governed by a majority of the members present, except in the reception of churches, then a unanimous vote shall be required. But in no case shall one member or church prevent the reception of a church without sufficient cause shown, which shall be determined by a majority.

9. The names of the members shall be called whenever the Association shall direct, and the absentees marked. Any member wishing to retire shall obtain permission of the Moderator.

10. The appellation of Brother shall be used by the members in addressing each other.

11. Any member violating these rules shall be subject to be reported by the Moderator, but only on the day the breach shall have been made.

12. Amendments or alterations may be made to these rules, when a majority may deem it necessary.

### Abstract of Faith.

ARTICLE 1. We believe in the only living and true God—the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and these three are one.

2. We believe the Bible to be the Word of God, and it is our only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the total depravity of human nature, and that man is dead in trespass and sin.

4. We believe that salvation is the gift of God by grace, through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, and that sinners are justified in the sight of God alone by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ, and which is unto all and with all them that believe.

5. We believe in the doctrine of Election: that God has, from the beginning, chosen us to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the Truth.

6. We believe that the Holy Spirit accompanies the Word of God in the salvation of man, in answer to the prayers of Christians.

7. We believe in the final perseverance of the Saints, and that all who truly believe shall be eternally saved.

8. We believe that baptism is immersion alone, and that none but true believers are proper subjects of the ordinance; and that none but regularly baptized and ordained ministers have a right to administer it, and that it is a prerequisite to the Lord's Supper, and all who come to the Lord's table must come according to the Lord's word.

9. We believe that a Gospel Church is a body of true believers in Christ, who have been regularly baptized, upon a profession of their Faith in Him, and that there are but two officers in a church, viz: the Elder or Pastor, and Deacon.

10. We believe it to be the duty of each church to extend and circulate the Word of God as far as their means will enable them.

11. We believe in the resurrection of all men and in a future and general judgment; and that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked shall be eternal.

### Covenant.

[Adopted in 1860 at the formation of the Association, afterwards ratified by the Churches.]

ARTICLE 1. We, as independent Churches of Jesus Christ, do mutually covenant to unite our efforts and influence for the advancement of the cause of Christ, under the title of the Tishomingo Baptist Association:

2. We agree to hold annual meetings, to be composed of delegates chosen by the respective churches, bearing letters, to be read at the opening of the meeting, showing their appointment, and also showing the number received by baptism, by letter, by restoration; dismissed by letter, excluded or dead, together with the whole number of fellowship. Also, average number of Sunday School pupils and number of conversions, amounts contributed to Associational Missions, State Missions, Foreign and Home Missions, Ministerial Education, Support of Pastors, Church Expenses, Church Improvements and total expended, and valuation of church property.

3. We agree that every church belonging to this body shall be entitled to three delegates until they number one hundred members, then one for every fifty above that number.

4. When any church shall fail to communicate with this body for three consecutive meetings, it shall be considered as having withdrawn from us, and will be dropped from the minutes unless two or more members request its continuance, and will also engage to inquire into its standing and report at the next annual meeting.

5. Other churches may be admitted into this union by signifying their wish by letter and delegates provided they be deemed scriptural.

6. We will elect a Moderator and a Clerk by ballot at each annual meeting as soon as the letters from the churches are read and the members' names enrolled; letters from petitioning churches being received, that their delegates may also have the privilege of voting.

7. We disclaim the right to adopt rules that can, at any time, infringe on the independence and rights of the churches. We may, however, advise churches when they request it, and will withdraw from such as become heretical in doctrine and disorderly in discipline.

8. We will have an Executive Board composed of seven members, elected annually, and the Moderator and Clerk, whose duty it shall be to take charge of all the funds sent up by the churches, and dispose of same as churches may direct.

9. We will correspond with sister associations. Any member of this body whose name appears on our minutes is authorized to represent us in other religious bodies.

10. We will have our minutes read, corrected and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the session rises, and will not adjourn, except in extraordinary cases, until all the business is finished.

11. We will, while convenient, appoint the time and place for holding the next annual meeting of this body, and elect a brother to preach Associational Sermon. The Association may make such alterations and amendments to the Convention as two-thirds of the members may deem necessary.



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# STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	CLERKS	POST OFFICES	PASTORS	Baptized	Rec'd by letter	Restored	Total last year	Dismissed by letter	Excluded	Erased	Died	Total this year
Antioch No 2	J T Harris	Hosmer, Miss	M J Derrick	..	..	..	41	10	..	..	..	41
Burnsville	M O Elledge	Burnsville, Miss	W L Norman	..	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	107
Baldwyn	J B Jones	Baldwyn, Miss	G M Savage	13	3	..	57	2	..	..	..	69
Bethlehem	J N Willbanks	Theo, Miss	E J Eubanks	..	3	1	34	..	1	..	..	37
Bethel	J T Washburn	Racket, Miss	J F Russell	13	1	..	24	..	..	..	..	38
Booneville	H E Barnett	Boonville, Miss	M J Derrick	..	1	..	..	3	..	..	..	100
Brush Creek	J L Coke	Hovis, Miss	Al Spencer	1	..	..	..	3	2	..	..	38
Cane Creek	Joseph Spears	Wenasoga, Miss	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	75
Cayce Creek	R E Majors	Lytal, Miss	W F Davis	5	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	53
Chewalla	Albert Derryberry	Memphis, Tenn	..	20	2	121	..	..	..	..	..	143
Corinth	J C Ijams	Corinth, Miss	Austin Cronch	13	15	2308	16	1	..	..	..	1321
Candler	Joe L Boone	Hickory Plains, Miss	..	5	1	..	28	4	..	..	..	34
Cross Roads	D R Barnett	Cartersville, Miss	A J Sherrill	..	..	110	..	..	..	..	..	47
Farmington	J B Romine	Corinth, Miss	U A West	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	111
Friendship	J R Stringfellow	Booneville, Miss	A J Sherrill	5	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	42
Gaston	D T Beall	Booneville, Miss	W M Henderson	3	2	..	57	..	..	..	..	61
Glendale	W T Wilson	Earle, Miss	J C Henderson	3	1	..	30	..	..	..	..	36
Hughes Chapel	Miss Dora Monroe	Allsboro, Ala	W D Page	9	5	..	9	1	..	..	..	27
Harmony	P T Willbanks	Theo, Miss	A L Spencer	6	3	..	51	3	1	..	..	59
Hinkle Creek	J E Miller	Farmer, Miss	J T Perry	3	2	..	..	1	2	..	..	77
Iuka	E D Glenn	Iuka, Miss	L R Burress	1	2	..	84	2	..	..	..	84
Kossuth	W A Richardson	Kossuth, Miss	M J Derrick	9	10	139	..	4	2	..	..	152
Little Brown's Creek	J W Denson	Elma, Miss	W W Gilbert	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	30
Mt. Providence	J R Elledge	Burttons, Miss	C A Gilbert	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	34
Mt. Gilad	G W Bishop	Iuka, Miss	W L Norman	13	3	..	74	3	..	..	..	85
Mt. Olive	W H Youngblood	Geeville, Miss	L R Burress	18	13	..	113	..	..	..	..	319

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New Salem.....	W H Skinner.....	Burnsville, Miss.....	W G Mahaffey.....	2	2	5	71
New Prospect.....	W H Pruitt.....	Iuka, Miss.....	C A Gilbert.....	8	4	37	47
Osborn Creek.....	C R Lacey.....	Daltonville, Miss.....	G M Savage.....	7	1	121	126
Oak Hill.....	R B Outlaw.....	Geeville, Miss.....	W J Epling.....	1	6	57	64
Piney Grove.....	J A Harper.....	Rienzi, Miss.....	W D Page.....	3	3	1	32
Rienzi.....	C B Curlee.....	Rienzi, Miss.....	W M Henderson.....	1	2	110	30
Shiloh.....	J H Layton.....	Theo, Miss.....	A J Sherrill.....	87	10	3	98
Sardis.....	W G Bishop.....	Iuka, Miss.....	E J Eubanks.....	5	1	4	77
Tuscumbia.....	A B Nichols.....	Cuba, Miss.....		1	4	1	97
Wheeler.....				1	4	1	13

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# FINANCIAL REPORT

NAMES OF CHURCHES	MISSIONS					Minute Fund	Ministerial Education	Value of Church Property	Pastor's Salary	Church Expenses	Orphan's Home	Sunday School Literature	Paid Visiting Ministers	Total Paid for all Purposes
	Associational	Home	Foreign	State										
Antioch No 2.....	\$ 2 50	\$.....	\$.....	\$ 2 00	\$ 30 00	\$ 50 00	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	\$ 56 80
Burnsville.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	1 30	200 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 30
Baldwyn.....	15 64	.....	36 00	.....	1 45	1000 00	.....	.....	.....	195 00	7 50	6 00	60 00	521 59
Bethlehem.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	55	25 00	.....	50 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	27 55
Bethel.....	.....	50	.....	.....	60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 10
Booneville.....	8 00	8 90	12 00	.....	90	300 00	.....	.....	.....	20 00	.....	15 00	.....	364 80
Brush Creek.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 40
Cane Creek.....	.....	6 25	.....	.....	85	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7 11
Cayce Creek.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50
Chewalla.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	200 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Corinth.....	30 00	157 50	160 00	150 00	5 00	952 25	5 00	12500 00	264 93	41 86	.....	103 60	200 00	2109 32
Candler.....	3 25	.....	.....	.....	1 40	275 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 65
Cross Roads.....	1 10	.....	.....	.....	50	30 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	31 60
Farmington.....	.....	4 50	.....	.....	85	100 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	105 35
Friendship.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Gaston.....	6 60	.....	.....	.....	80	25 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	32 40
Glendale.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	.....	.....	200 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50
Hughes Chapel.....	55	.....	.....	.....	60	7 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8 15
Harmony.....	2 50	.....	.....	.....	90	30 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	33 40
Hinkle Creek.....	5 85	.....	10 89	.....	1 00	75 00	.....	500 00	10 10	13 50	.....	.....	.....	116 34
Iuka.....	4 10	.....	8 65	7 47	2 30	150 00	.....	700 00	10 45	.....	.....	.....	21 00	225 77
Kossuth.....	13 00	7 01	10 50	4 00	1 50	150 00	3 80	.....	83 98	.....	.....	15 58	11 00	300 37
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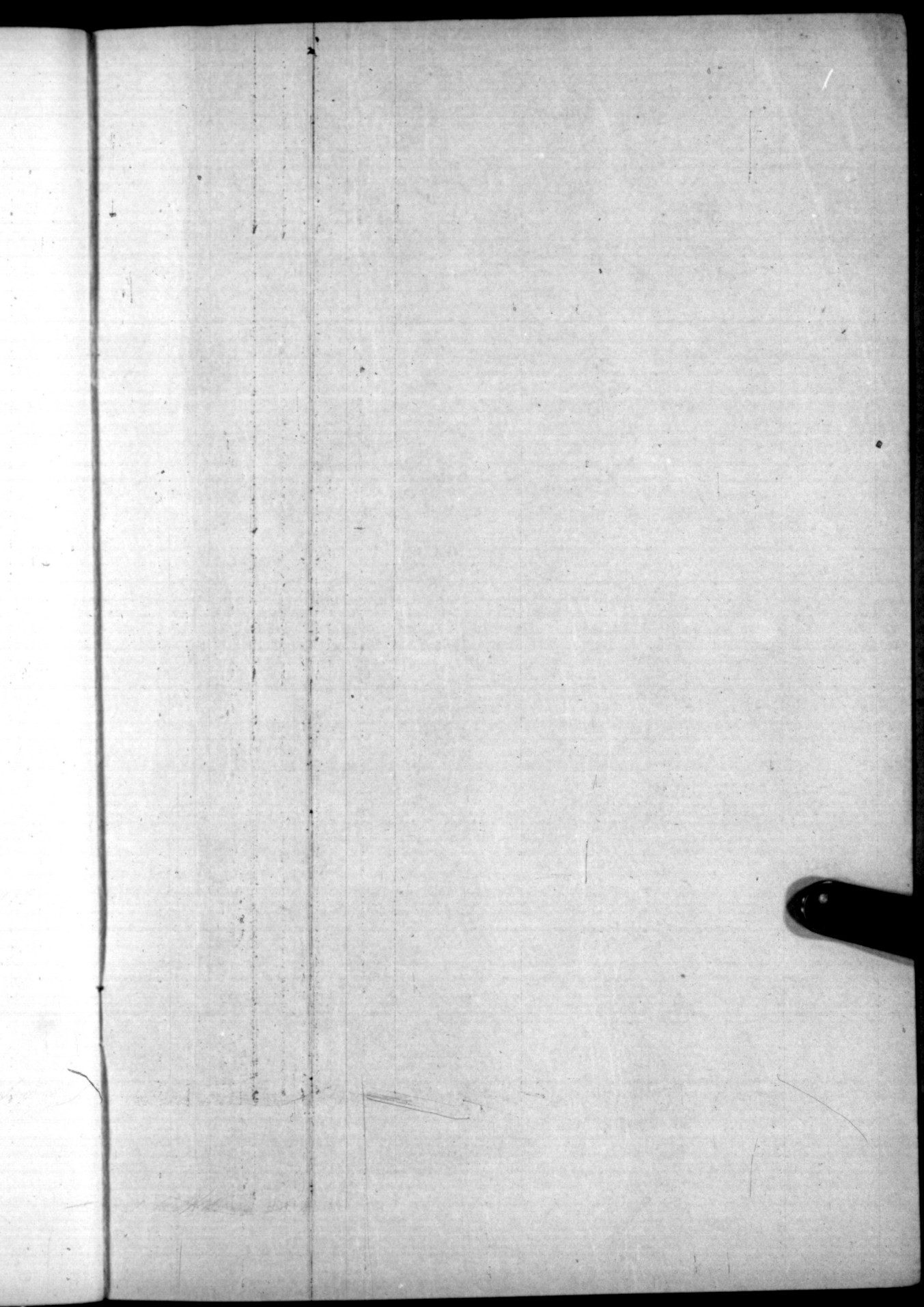
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# Tishomingo Baptist Association.

The Forty-Second Annual Session of the Tishomingo Baptist Association was held with the Corinth Church, Corinth, Miss., beginning Friday, September 19, 1902.

## FIRST DAY.

Association opened at 10 a. m. with former Moderator, E. S. Candler Jr., presiding, and G. W. Dudley, former Clerk.

The Moderator read 3d chapter of Colossians and made appropriate comment. The body then joined in singing "How Firm a Foundation."

E. d. L. R. Burress was appointed by the Moderator to conduct the opening exercises in the absence of Elds. Henderson and Skinner, the survivors of the original organization, who usually conduct these exercises.

Eld. Burress read a portion of Heb. 11, followed by prayer by Eld. W. M. Henderson, who had come in the hall during the reading.

The Moderator then called for letters from the different churches and appointed Bros. W. E. Hunter, W. G. Mahaffy and C. R. Lacey reading clerks.

The following churches responded with letters at this hour and at subsequent hours during the session, with names of delegates annexed.

Antioch No. 1—D. E. Lancaster.

Antioch No. 2—Not represented.

Baldwyn—J. S. Berry, W. M. Burge, W. M. Steed.

Burnsville—W. H. Phelps, Mrs. M. G. Phelps.

Bethlehem—W. J. Sanders.

Bethel—Robt. Strickland, G. T. Washburn.

Booneville—B. A. P. Selman, H. E. Barnett, J. V. Alexander.

Brush Creek—Not represented.

Concord—M. B. Green, P. D. Rushing.

Gane Creek—F. O. Browning.

Cayce Creek—W. A. Majors, D. P. Majors.

Chewalla—J. W. T. Derryberry, T. Moreland, Adolphus Eakers.

Corinth—A. Couch, G. W. Garrett, J. F. Osborne, E. S. Candler Jr., C. S. Graham, T. A. Reid, J. L. Huggins.

Candler—By letter only.



Cross Roads—J. F. Grimes, John Walker.  
 Farmington—E. F. Romine, Jno. Hardin, J. B. Romine, W. Taylor.  
 Friendship—Not represented.  
 Gaston—D. T. Beall, J. B. Moore, Miss Mamie Elliott.  
 Glendale—L. J. Fields, G. W. Lowrey.  
 Hughes Chapel—By letter only.  
 Harmony—J. T. Hines, P. T. Willbanks.  
 Hinkle Creek—W. M. Henderson, J. E. Miller, J. A. Johnson.  
 Iuka—G. W. Dudley, D. J. Akers, D. A. Dugger, Miss Susie Millsaps.  
 Kossuth—J. W. Doggett, J. C. Henderson.  
 Lone Oak—W. W. Muse.  
 Little Brown Creek—J. M. Wright, W. C. Denson, G. Underwood, J. W. Denson.  
 Mount Providence—J. W. Elledge, Crawford Timbes.  
 Mount Gilead—J. E. Glenn, L. D. Seago.  
 Mount Joy—W. A. Rhodes.  
 Mount Olive—L. R. Burress, Miss Etta Burress, Miss Etta Morris, Neely Morris.  
 Meadow Creek—H. A. Everett.  
 New Prospect—G. T. Hubbard, R. Bonds, H. O. Robinson.  
 New Salem—I. Skinner.  
 Osborne Creek—R. W. Lankford, J. W. Muse.  
 Oak Hill—W. G. Anderson, J. H. Garner.  
 Piney Grove—J. R. Speakman, J. A. Harper.  
 Rienzi—B. M. Savage, E. J. Green, Mrs. E. J. Green.  
 Shiloh—G. W. Mahaffey, Mrs. Mattie Mahaffey, J. H. Layton.  
 Sardis—J. S. Woodley, W. G. Bishop, W. B. Howard.  
 Tuscumbia—R. Fendley, W. J. Reardon.  
 Tennielou—R. E. Majors, A. L. Majors.  
 Union No. 1—G. W. Evans.  
 Union Grove—By letter only.  
 Union No. 2—By letter only.  
 Wheeler—By letter only.

The church of Mount Joy was reinstated, having been dropped from the roll. The petitionary letter of Tennielou Church was received and delegates seated.

When the reading of letters was concluded, the Association went into the election of officers for the ensuing year, Elds. W. G. Thompson, B. F. Whitten and H. M. Long took up the ballot, which resulted in the re-election of E. S. Candler Jr. as Moderator and G. W. Dudley, Clerk.

The Moderator then announced the following committees:

Devotional Exercises—J. V. Alexander, W. M. Burge with Pastor and Deacons Corinth Church.

State of Religion—T. J. Perry, J. S. Berry, W. D. Page, W. M. Henderson, I. Skinner.

Association adjourned to 2 p. m., benediction by Eld. J. Skinner.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Convened promptly at 2 p. m. After singing, "Come Thou Fount," the opening or devotional exercises were conducted by Elds. J. Skinner and W. M. Henderson. The latter read a selection from the Psalms followed by prayer by the former.

Call for Correspondence. On a call for correspondence the following responded and were invited to seats in the Association:

Eld. W. G. Thompson, from Tippah Association.

Eld. W. D. Page from Tombigbee Association.

Eld. B. F. Whitten, from Memphis Association, (Tenn.)

Eld. H. M. Long, representing the state organ, The Baptist, Jackson, Miss.

Eld. L. R. Burress, Foreign Mission Board and Foreign Mission Journal.

Bro. H. H. Ray, from Tippah Association.

The following resolution introduced by Eld. A. Crouch, was adopted.

Resolved that the following shall be the order of business for this Association:

First—Call for Correspondence.

Second—Appointment of Committees

Third—Appointment of time and place for next meeting.

Fourth—Appointments as messengers to religious bodies.

Fifth—Call for reports

Sixth—Election of Executive Board and Elder and alternate to preach next Associational Sermon.

Seventh—Resolutions and other miscellaneous business.

Eighth—Adjournment.

On motion of Eld. J. S. Berry, Saturday at 10 a. m. was set as a special hour for considering Associational Missions and report of Executive Board.

On motion, 3:30 p. m. Saturday was fixed as the hour for considering report on Publications.

Committee on Devotional Exercises reported that Eld. B. F. Whitten would preach in the Baptist Church, Saturday at 11 a. m.

On motion the Association adjourned till night at 7:30 to hear Associational sermon.

#### EVENING SESSION.

The congregation assembled on time. Eld. J. S. Berry used as a foundation for his sermon the 23d verse 27th chapter Acts: "Whose I am and whom I serve." His theme was "service" and he delivered a touching and beautiful discourse which was closely followed by an attentive and interested audience. At the conclusion Eld. L. R. Burress then read an article, "History prior to 1641," which was adopted and ordered printed. (See Appendix.)

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The following committees were announced by the Moderator:  
State Missions—Austin Crouch, J. R. Speakman, W. M. Steed, R. W. Lankford, E. J. Green.

Foreign Missions—J. S. Berry, H. A. Everett, Robt. Strickland, B. M. Savage, J. W. T. Derryberry.

Home Missions—W. E. Hunter, R. E. Majors, W. J. Sanders, W. A. Rhodes, R. Fendley, G. W. Mahaffy.

Associational Missions—L. R. Burress, J. A. Johnson, W. H. Phelps, W. G. Bishop, J. Skinner.

Schools, Colleges and Ministerial Education—J. F. Russell, C. R. Lacey, L. J. Fields, F. O. Browning, T. A. Reid, E. F. Romine.

Sunday Schools and Sabbath Observance—T. J. Perry, J. A. Harper, G. T. Washburn, D. T. Beall, D. A. Duggen, J. H. Layton, J. S. Woodby.

Publications—J. O. Looney, B. A. P. Selman, G. W. Lowrey, J. E. Glenn, G. W. Evans, J. F. Osborne, J. V. Alexander.

Baptist Orphanage—W. M. Burge, P. T. Willbanks, W. C. Denson, P. D. Rushing, J. F. Grimes, G. W. Garrett, J. L. Huggins.

B. Y. P. U. Work—W. G. Mahaffey, Adolphus Eakers, J. C. Henderson, D. E. Lancaster, H. E. Barnett, W. W. Muse.

Obituaries—T. Mooreland, F. F. Holt, J. A. Gray, J. W. Doggett.

Nominations—J. E. Miller, W. H. Phelps, S. D. Bramlett, W. M. Burge, W. G. Anderson.

Temperance—J. D. Bills, J. W. Muse, J. B. Romine, J. M. Wright, J. H. Garner, J. A. Johnson, M. B. Green.

Committee on Sunday School Co-operation—Austin Crouch, E. J. Green, J. A. Gray, H. E. Ray, W. M. Burge.

On motion the Committee on Christian Citizenship was discontinued.

On motion the committee on State of religion was discontinued.

On subsequent motion, the committee on temperance was revived.

On motion the committee on Systematic Giving was discontinued.

On motion the committee on Publications was discontinued, but was afterwards reinstated by motion.

The Association then adjourned to Saturday. Benediction by the Moderator.

#### SATURDAY'S SESSION.

Association re-assembled at 9 a. m. Devotional exercises conducted by Eld. T. J. Perry. Prayer by Dr. G. M. Savage.

On a call for correspondence, Dr. G. M. Savage, Southwestern Baptist University, Eld. A. V. Rowe, Secretary State Mission Board, and Bro. L. P. Leavell, Secretary State Sunday School work, were recognized and invited to seats; also Eld. Josiah Jourdan, of Unity Association.



Report of Committee on Nominations was as follows:

Delegate to Southern Baptist Convention, L. R. Burress, with E. S. Candler Jr., alternate

To preach the next Associational sermon, W. E. Hunter, with A. Crouch as alternate

For Executive Board, W. H. Phelps, J. S. Berry, L. R. Burress, C. R. Lacey, T. F. Holt, J. V. Alexander, W. M. Burge.

The Association then selected Osborn Creek, five miles south west of Booneville, Mississippi, as the next place of meeting, and Thursday before the third Sunday in September, 1903, as the time. The motion was reconsidered and tabled.

The hour for special order, Associational missions having arrived. On motion the report of Executive Board was also included. Both reports were read. Pending discussion the preaching hour arrived. Eld. B. F. Whitten occupied and preached an able and instructive sermon from Philipians fourth chapter, thirteenth verse. Adjourned to 2 p. m.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met promptly at the appointed hour. Devotional exercises conducted by Eld. W. D. Page.

On motion Bro. B. A. P. Selman was appointed secretary pro tem. of Executive Board in absence of regular secretary.

The consideration of report on hand was resumed and after further discussion was adopted.

On motion the Executive Board was empowered to confer with Secretary A. V. Rowe and try to arrange some method of co-operation as to mission work in the bounds of this Association.

Pledges were taken from churches for Associational missions, as follows: Antioch No. 1, \$5; Burnsville, \$5; Baldwyn, \$20; Booneville, \$20; Brush Creek, \$2; Cane Creek, \$10; Cayce Creek, \$1; Chewalla, \$5; Corinth, \$75; Farmington, \$10; Gaston, \$5; Hughes Chapel, \$1; Harmony, \$2 50; Hinkle Creek, \$10; Iuka, \$10; Kosuth, \$15; Little Brown Creek, \$5; Mt. Gilead, \$5; New Salem, \$2 50; New Prospect, \$5; Osborne Creek, \$10; Oak Hill, \$10; Piney Grove, \$1; Rienzi, \$5; Shiloh, \$8; Wheeler, \$3; Union, \$5; Tennessean, \$5; Union No. 2, --; Meadow Creek, \$5; Mt. Joy, \$1; Tuscum-bia, \$1; Lone Oak, \$2; Concord, \$1.

Report on Publications, read, discussed and adopted.

Report on Home, Foreign, and State Missions, consolidated, were set for night session.

Report on Temperance read, discussed and adopted with amendments.

Committee on Devotional Exercises reported: Eld. A. V. Rowe to preach at the Baptist Church Sunday at 11 a. m., and Bro. L. P. Leavell to address the young people at night. Eld. J. S. Berry to preach at Cumberland Presbyterian Church at 11 a.

m. Sunday and Eld. L. R. Burress at night. Eld. A. V. Rowe to preach at Presbyterian Church Sunday night. Association adjourned to 7 p. m.

#### EVENING SESSION.

Association met promptly at 7 p. m. After devotional exercises conducted by Dr. G. M. Savage, the reports on missions were read, discussed and adopted. In connection with the report on Foreign Missions, Eld. J. S. Berry read a letter from Eld. E. Z. Simmons, missionary in China, and at the conclusion of the discussion the Association was led in prayer by Eld. J. S. Berry in behalf of Bro Simmons and other foreign missionaries.

Report on Baptist Orphanage was read, discussed and adopted. In pursuance of a resolution adopted the Moderator appointed the following as a committee to correspond with all the churches of this Association and arrange with them for a Thanksgiving offering for the benefit of the Orphanage. Committee, J. S. Berry, W. M. Burge, J. V. Alexander

On motion the Association adjourned to meet at 9:45 a. m. Sunday, and hear the report on Sunday Schools and Sabbath Observance to be read at that hour and join in a "Sunday School Rally," the speaking to be led by Bro. L. P. Leavell.

#### SUNDAY'S SESSION.

Association met at the appointed hour. Devotional exercises conducted by the Moderator. Prayer by Eld. L. R. Burress. The report on Sunday Schools was read by Chairman T. J. Perry, and talks by Bro. L. P. Leavell and others, adopted. At 11 a.m. Eld. A. V. Rowe preached a strong and sympathetic gospel sermon from 2 Cor. 5:18, 19.

At the beginning of this service a collection was taken for the Orphanage which aggregated the sum of \$29. 65.

Association adjourned to 2:30 p. m.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Eld. W. G. Thompson.

Eld. W. G. Mahaffey read the report on B.Y.P.U. work which was discussed and adopted.

Eld J. F. Russell read the report on Schools, Colleges and Ministerial Education which was adopted.

The Clerk then read the report on Obituaries, which was adopted with the amendment that a page be set apart for our dead.

Bro. W. M. Burge presented the following resolution which was unanimously adopted: Whereas, this Association has been exceedingly pleasant and profitable; Therefore be it resolved, that we hereby express our thanks and gratitude to Corinth church and the people of Corinth generally for their kindness

and hospitality; also to the good people of other denominations for inviting our visiting ministers to fill their pulpits on Sunday. We also extend thanks to the Moderator and Clerk for their efficient and prompt services and direct that out of the minute fund the Clerk be paid \$10, the balance of said fund to be expended in printing and distributing minutes.

The following resolution, introduced by Eld. J. S. Berry was laid on the table to be called up at the next meeting of this Association. Resolved, that it is the sense of this body that it is not proper for the churches to send women as delegates.

Pursuant to a standing rule of this Association, the Moderator appointed the following chairmen of the several committees to prepare reports and if either of them should be unable to attend the next session of the Association, it is the duty of such chairman to prepare a report on the subject assigned and mail it to G. W. Dudley, Clerk of the Association, at Iuka, Miss., at least one week before the next session convenes.

State Missions—Eld. L. R. Burress.

Foreign Missions—Eld. Austin Crouch

Home Missions—Eld. W. C. Mahaffey

Associational Missions—Eld. J. S. Berry

Sunday School and Sabbath Observance—W. M. Burge

Schools, Colleges and Ministerial Education—W. G. Adderson

Temperance—C. R. Lacey

Publications—Eld. T. J. Perry

Baptist Orphanage—Eld. J. F. Russell

B Y P U Work—H. E. Ray

Obituaries—T. F. Holt

Nominations—E. J. Green

Finance—Eld. J. S. Berry

The Moderator appointed the following messengers to other bodies:

To Tippah Association, J. C. Henderson, G. W. Garrett.

To West Judson Association, Elds. L. R. Burress, J. S. Berry

To Baptist State Convention, W. G. Mahaffey, H. E. Ray, W. M. Burge.

Eld. J. S. Berry read the report on finance which was adopted.

On motion the Association adjourned to meet with Osborné Creek church, Prentiss County, on Thursday before the 3rd. Sunday in September, 1903,

E. S. Candler, Jr.—Moderator

G. W. Dudley—Clerk.

#### OBITUARIES.

Your Committee on Obituaries begs leave to report as follows:



That a year never passes without our having to give up some of our beloved brethren and sisters because of their death. As usual when the letters to this Association are all received and read, a list will be made up of those who have died during the past year. We cherish their memory and honor them for their work's sake. Their labors are ended. They have laid down their burdens and the Master has called them home. Though dead they yet speak, and the influence of their noble lives is still felt among us. This will continue forever. We that remain must take up the burdens they have laid down. Our responsibilities increase as our ranks are thinned. Let us constantly pray the Lord of the harvest that He will continue to send forth laborers. As the years go by, one by one, we are gathering home. Some day the work will be finished, and we shall be permitted to enter into that rest that remaineth for the people of God. Let us labor and wait and be found faithful when the Master calls.

T. Moreland—Chairman

#### PUBLICATIONS.

We, your Committee on Publications desire to submit the following report.

At no other time in the history of the world have so many newspapers been published as are being published today, and on account of their freshness and newness, never before have they been read to the exclusion of other reading matter, as they are being read today, and they are having a marked influence on the lives and character of our people. They are educating our boys and girls either in the right or the wrong. They are helping to shape the destiny of many a youth.

Our people will read them to the exclusion of all other matter because they are new. There are hardly any families into which some newspaper does not go but there are many families in which the newspaper is the only literature read. This silent visitor is continually at work, having its influence either for good or bad. Some great writer says that we become a part of all we read. This being true, how very careful we should be as to the character of the newspaper we introduce into our homes. We should not read or introduce into our homes vitiating and contaminating cheap literature, which will tend to lead us, our families and our associations to ruin and shame, and to the neglect of all that is good; but we should introduce into our homes that which tends to edify, that which tends to develop the finest qualities, that which tends to teach our hearts and direct our minds to that which is high, pure and noble.

Your committee most heartily commends to your confidence the Baptist, published at Jackson, Miss., also our home and for-

eign journals and our Sunday School literature, published at Nashville, Tenn.

J. O. Looney,  
B. A. P. Selman,  
G. W. Lowrey,

Respectfully submitted,  
W. B. Howard,  
J. E. Glenn,  
G. W. Evans,  
J. V. Alexander,

COMMITTEE

#### REPORT ON BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.

Your committee begs to report that: with the catalogue before us we wish to take some extracts from it. The Orphanage is situated in the city of Jackson, on a tract of 112 acres of land owned by a board of Trustees representing different parts of the State, and are legally empowered to hold property for white orphan children in the State. On this tract of land is situated the cottages, different houses and offices, barn farming implements live stock etc., all valued at about \$34 000.

Rev. L. S. Foster is the founder and Supt. and who is well qualified for the place he so wisely fills, assisted by his noble wife. The orphanage has no endowment save the promises of God, which are many.

The success of the Institution has demonstrated, that, the endowment is ample, for having begun in a rented house, with a few children they now own and maintain the above property free of debt, by free will offerings from those who have obeyed the injunction, which is, he that hath pity upon the poor lendeth to the Lord.

The Home has maintained this the sixth year, 56 (an average). Since its beginning six years ago, seven have died. Also many other noticable facts are catalogued which we hope all will read.

Since this institution has passed the experimental and critical stage we urge the brethren to act generously and cheerfully to the orphanage and urge that some time in November, a special thank offering be made to dependent little ones.

W. M. Burge

G. W. Denson

L. —. Huggins

## Names of Our Dead.

ANTIOCH NO. 1.—Eld. Henry Russell.

HINKLE CREEK—Bro. Mac, Bray, Sister Martha Chesser.

MOUNT OLIVE—Sister Mary Hendricks.

SARDIS—Bro. Jack Taylor, Sister Mahulda Taylor.

NEW PROSPECT—Bro. I. T. Hancy

BOONEVILLE—Bro. W. L. Barnett.

CORINTH—Sisters Ella Cook and Minnie Whitfield.

IUKA—Sisters Clara Hubbard and Elizabeth Rodgers.

BALDWIN—Sisters Mattie McGee Jones and Virginia Abrahams.

OSBORN CREEK—Ennis Fugitt, Ellen Googer, Mattie Spain, Sarah  
Shinault

CANE CREEK—Sister Sidney R. Smith

GASTON—Bro. W. S. Emerson.

BURNSVILLE—Bro. M. O. Elledge, Sisters Minerva Cobb, Sarah  
Moser and Maggie Archer.

OAK HILL—Bros. M. E. Sisk and E. Collins.

MEADOW CREEK—Sister Carrie Lowrey.

CAYCE CREEK—Sister Harriet Wallace.

GLENDALE—Bro. R. P. Strickland.

NEW SALEM—Miss Lizzie Miller.

TUSCUMBIA—Bro. Willie Shannon.

MT. PROVIDENCE—Sister Belle Nixon.

LITTLE BROWN CREEK—A. Mayo.

KOSSUTH—Bro. J. A. Bennett, Deacon L. N. Sweat, Bro. Mertus  
Sweat.



## REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

We beg to report as follows:

The Board engaged the services of Eld. W. G. Mahaffey for two months and a half and we are glad to say that his work has been well done. We have also had for a shorter time the services of the following brethren: Elds. T. J. Perry, Arthur Mahaffey, J. F. Russell, J. C. Henderson, J. R. Speakman. These brethren have held thirteen meetings and have rendered one hundred and fourteen days of services.

In some instances our missionaries have labored under grave difficulties and in some places have encountered marked opposition. While only twenty-eight professions are reported, perhaps more than three hundred have asked for prayers. As far as we can judge our missionaries have done good work and we leave the results with God.

We are glad to report an increase of interest in Associational Missions. This is shown by contributions that have come in from the churches. Look at the finance report for facts. We believe the new Board will lay out larger than ever before. Let us be thankful for the rising tide of feeling on this subject. Let us hold to what we have and go forward.

The Board has expended \$178.85. The churches have contributed \$260. Heretofore, about fifteen churches have contributed and this year thirty churches have fallen into line. We thank God and take courage.

J. S. Berry.

B. Y. P. U.

We, your committee, submit the following report.

The cry among our churches is how can we enlist every member in active and personal work for the Lord's Kingdom.

First by awakening an interest, to seek an opportunity to study God's word, and this desire can be deepened by a hearty cooperation on the part of churches with our young people's work. And when a person's eyes have been opened to the beauties contained in God's word, it will be an incentive to prayer, and if to prayer, a deeper yearning for the unsaved. God's word is a mine in which we must dig if we would be entirely happy. The mirror of success to all christian work.

Second, it is the only and best means of training our young people for active and personal work. How many active and personal workers have you, my brother, in your church? If we are christians each should be personally engaged in some form of service, for it will make you more Christ-like, always having something to do. He, the great exemplar, should all make seekers for divine things rather than earthly.

In this, as in no other work, we can interest the young people in Baptist history and doctrine, and enlist them in mission-

ary activity through the existing denominational organizations. Recognizing the advantages and benefits of this work, let us encourage every member of our churches in this the most important of all work connected with the church.

Respectfully submitted,

W. G. Mahaffey—Chairman.

D. E. Lancaster,

J. C. Henderson,

W. W. Muse,

Committee.

#### HOME MISSIONS.

Your committee on Home Missions reports as follows:

The Home Mission Board is located at Atlanta, Ga. The territory of this Board includes the Indian Territory, the Oklahoma Territory, Cuba, and fourteen Southern States. The Board was very prosperous last year, the Lord is blessing Southern Baptists wonderfully in their home field. The following is summary of the work done last year.

Missionaries	674
Weeks of labor	20,450
Churches and Stations	1,757
Baptisms	8,150
Received by letters	9,051
Total additions	17,201
Churches constituted	231
Houses of worship built and improved	398
Sunday Schools organized	674
Bibles and Testaments distributed	27,499
Tracts distributed (pages)	2,084,355

#### FINANCE.

The total amount of cash received during last year, for the regular work of the Home Board was \$98,950 29, which is an increase of \$12,045 61 over the previous year. In addition to this the Board has received in special gifts, the sum of \$1,500 to be invested in church buildings, etc.

Your Committee call special attention to the needs of our frontier missionaries, whose needs may be diminished greatly, by the churches sending to them boxes of clothing.

There are yet a remnant of Indians unsaved. They need the gospel as a Race; "for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one who belieyes." The work among the Negroes demand our sympathy and prayers. His needs are great and many, and we as Baptists cannot afford to neglect him; for all his religious tendencies are towards Baptist principles. It seems that he was born Baptist inclined, especially when he is born again.

We urge that the Churches of this Association pray for our

Home Missionaries, and give liberally to the spread of the gospel in the bounds of the Home Board.

Respectfully,  
 William E. Hunter,  
 W. T. Sanders,  
 R. E. Majors,  
 R. Fendley,  
 G. W. Mahaffy,  
 W. A. Rhodes.

#### ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

By this is meant the strengthening and extending of the work of our Lord within the bounds, or territory of country occupied and claimed by the churches composing the Tishomingo Baptist Association.

This to us is Home Missions in the strictest sense as our homes with all of their spiritual interests are included. All teachings of missions must begin and end with home missions: for it is written, "and ye shall be witnesses unto me, both in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth," "and then shall the end come" and the witnesses shall come to the heavenly home. Home missions is the eye by which we see the need and way of missions to the uttermost part of the earth.

Home Missions should be taught with careful emphasis in the Christian homes, and by the local churches, for home missions is ever the beginning, the freshness of the Gospel mission to all the world. Our fathers wisely divided the territory by metes and bounds, which was to be occupied by the churches, and unto the Tishomingo Association has fallen the territory of Prentiss and Alcorn counties, with the greater part of Tishomingo county and part of Tippah, which counties are in Miss. To this is added the territory of Chewalla, Tenn. This report recommends that the Association instructs the Ex. Board to furnish each local church with information as to both the extent and needs of this field; and that this information be placed upon a map made of durable material, showing the location of each of the churches and exhibiting the field of destitution, and that the churches be presented, each with a map. Let the expenses be provided for out of the associational funds. Let not missions "perish for lack of knowledge.

Your committee also invite the attention of the Association to other matters about which the will of the Association should be consulted—First. Is it desirable that the Ex. Board should co-operate with the Con. Board of the Mississippi Baptist State Convention and be separate in its operations?—Second. Shall the Ex Board employ a missionary or missionaries for all the year, or employ as many as the means at the disposal of the Board will



justify, to hold protracted meetings in the summer months? A decision of these questions would greatly satisfy the members of the Ex. Board, who are even willing to execute the will of the brotherhood.

There is great need of the occupancy of the field entrusted to the Tishomingo Association, by men whose creed is the Bible whose rule of faith is the Bible; whose proclamation is the Gospel of Salvation and redemption.

In this field blows almost "every wind of doctrine." Works are held forth as the procuring means of salvation, rather than declarative: Profession is called conversion: Zeal is taken for piety: Spiritual blindness or deception for sinlessness: Men who deny immersion as Bible Baptism, yet in the name of the Father Son and Holy Ghost, perform it!!!

Brethren these things "ought not so to be;" for He who is the same yesterday, to-day and forever, "is the "one Lord," who revealed the "one faith," and appointed but "one baptism" Therefore: I thought it was needful for me to write unto you and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once for all delivered unto the saints.

L. B. Burriss—Chairman.

G. Skinner.

J. A. Johnson.

W. H. Phelps.

W. G. Bishops.

#### STATE MISSIONS.

Last year, your committee on State Missions reported; "We have had the most prosperous year in our State Mission work in the history of our Convention. More money was given to the cause and more substantial progress made in all lines of our work, possibly, than any single year previous.

Your present committee is proud to be able to report a still further advance this year. The cause of State missions is steadily moving forward. Its motto seems to be; "From victory unto victory."

For the information of the churches we give a few statistics of this year's work.

Contributions,	\$13,808.99
This is an increase over last year of	3,613.92
Baptisms by missionaries	359
Baptized, by others, in meeting where missionaries labored	714
Received by letter	768
Restored to church fellowship	42
Sunday Schools organized	23
Pages of tracts distributed	26,000

Bibles and Testaments distributed 656

For the further information of the churches, we quote some items from a little leaflet entitled; "State Missions in Mississippi and Its Outgrowth"

Past work

Churches developed into full time service 15

These have houses of worship worth \$102,000.00

These churches have parsonages worth 24,000 00

Churches developed into one-half time service 15

These have houses of worship worth \$46 000 00

These have parsonages worth 18 000 00

Churches developed into one-fourth time service 300

These have houses of worship worth \$150,000 00

Present work

Helping in full time service 8 churches

These have houses of worship worth \$26 000.00

These have parsonages worth \$8,000 00

Helping in one-half time service 9 churches

These have houses of worship worth \$23 000 00

Helping in one-fourth time service 80 churches

These have houses of worship worth \$40 000 00

Making an aggregate of 427 churches

With property valued at \$437 000.00

Leaving out the 300 one-fourth time churches, the rest gave to missions this year about \$10 000 00, besides what they gave to College Orphans, Ministerial Education, Pastoral Support, ect

From these statistics we see what a mighty work has already been done by State Missions and it takes no prophet's eye to see what great things can be done in the future.

In the glorious work of this year, Tishomingo Association has had only a very small part. According to the Convention Board's report, this Association gave only \$119.78. This, however, as small as it is shows some progress. This amount is an increase of \$43.00 over last year, leaving out \$100 00 contributed to Jackson church debt. Let us make the increase very much greater this conventional year. We can easily do it. Just think of it! Only five out of forty-five churches in this association contributing anything to State Missions. Brethren, this thing ought not to be so. Let each one of the forty-five churches contribute something to this great work, this year.

Austin Crouch—Chairman.

E. J. Green,

W. H. Steed,

R. W. Langford.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

The old fathers of the church had a saying that "the breath of the children is the life of the church," and we have often heard

it said that the Sunday-school is the nursery of the Church

We wish to call your attention to the Sunday-school as an evangelizing agency. It is a significant fact that out of every one hundred who unite with the church, eighty are from the Sunday school. The Sunday-school is a department of the church and should have the prayerful support of every member of the church.

We, your committee, call attention of the messengers and delegates to the fact that in our Association, twenty-nine churches have no Sunday-schools; sixteen churches report Sunday-schools and from these, there were forty-two baptized into the churches the past year. In view of these facts, we most earnestly call the attention of our pastors and brethren to the great work of teaching God's word to the children in our Sunday-schools, as a preparation for the preaching of God's word by the minister, and the salvation of young lives.

We, your committee, recommend that a committee of five be appointed, whose business it shall be to study the associational field and to co-operate with our State Sunday-school Secretary and our Field Secretary, Dr. Spilman, of Nashville, for the advancement of Sunday-school interests in our Association, and for the organization of Sunday-schools in those churches which now have none.

#### SABBATH OBSERVANCE

Sabbath observance seems to be a lost art. Look around on the streets, in the country; wherever you please, and you see boys and girls, young men and older men, utterly disregarding God's holy day. His command is, 'Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy.'

T. J. Perry,  
D. T. Beall,  
D. A. Dugger,  
J. H. Layton,  
J. L. Harper.

#### FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your committee on Foreign Missions begs leave to report as follows:

That the last conventional year has been by far the most prosperous in the history of our Foreign Mission work.

There were during the year nearly 1500 baptisms reported,—about 1000 the year before. The contributions to this work were larger by \$17,000 than that of the previous year, which was \$173,429.

There were twenty-six new missionaries sent out and others are under appointment. There are on foreign fields 115 missionaries and 117 native assistants, making a total of 286. Four years ago there were 76. During these four years there have been 4634 baptisms.

There are in nearly all the fields training schools for native



workers. Two each in China and Brazil, and one each in Africa, Italy and Mexico. There are also two publication societies, one in China and the other in Brazil.

'Reports from missionaries show glorious progress,' says the secretary of our Foreign Mission Board. Dr. Willingham says that he does not believe that the out-look was ever so hopeful. In Brazil, especially, is the work prosperous. It is said that the progress of the cause is so rapid that the workers can hardly keep pace with the advance. The missionaries there say they are busy and happy. There were in Brazil 150 baptisms in one month, 71 baptized at one place. One brother there says, 'a hundred workers could be easily kept busy.' In the one State of Bohia, South China, reports 250 baptisms in six months. Dr. Graves says the out-look generally is promising. Wm. H. Sears of Pintu says, 'I have never seen such an awakening.' C. W. Prewitt says, 'The work in China has gone forward since the war as never before.' In Italy there is steady progress,' says Dr. Willingham, and encouraging reports come from Africa, Japan and Mexico.

While we are profoundly grateful to God for this splendid showing of work on the part of our devoted missionaries, we must not forget that there is yet appalling destitution and the great work of evangelizing the world is largely unaccomplished. Two thirds of the earth's inhabitants have never heard the gospel of Christ. God is calling us by His providence to larger efforts. Opportunities for work are abundant, new fields are opening constantly and the obligation to occupy them is pressing upon us.

These facts stand out before us:

1. The heathen are lost without the gospel.
2. The gospel is the power of God unto salvation.
3. We have the gospel and we ought to give it freely to them that have it not.
4. A day of reckoning is coming.

We appeal to the churches of the Tishomingo Association to give this question of Foreign Missions the attention it deserves.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. Berry, Chairman.

J. W. T. Derryberry,

H. A. Everett,

B. M. Savage.

#### SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES AND MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

To say the American people are alive on the school question is a fact that needs but little comment. High schools, Colleges, Academies, Universities and Seminaries dot the United States, north south, east and west, many of which are controlled by noble Baptist men and women, and we, your committee, recom-

mend and urge our Baptist brethren to stand by our denominational schools. If we have the truth others have it not; therefore the importance of placing our boys and girls under the influence and instruction of these noble men and women that they may be prepared to meet the errors and satanic influences of this age cannot perhaps be over estimated.

In consideration of these facts, as soon as the young men are prepared to enter college they should be placed in Mississippi College. Dr. W. T. Lowrey, the president, by his skill and educational advantages has done more perhaps for Mississippi College than any other man in this State could have done. Now, if you want your boys prepared for the great duties of this life, let them imbibe the spirit and receive the instructions of this great Baptist teacher who has proven himself equal to every emergency. Now the College at Jackson, Tenn. of which Dr. G. W. Savage is president, in our estimation, is second to none in the United States, but perhaps it is better for each state to stand by its own school.

As to ministerial education, the young men that God has called to preach the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ feel the need of a cultivated mind and heart and we all know that nothing short of this will satisfy the divine will of God or meet the demands of the present age of man; therefore it is our privilege to encourage and to help with our means these noble young men of God and that our preachers should instruct their churches in regard to a greater fund for ministerial education.

Last but not least a word for our girls. Great responsibilities confront them and will day by day while life shall last and in order that they may be able to meet these responsibilities they must be developed into true womanhood. No better school for this purpose can be found than B. M. F. College.

Respectfully submitted,  
J. F. Russell, Chairman.

#### BAPTISM PRIOR TO 1641.

In as much as this Association, assembled at Baldwyn in 1897, expressed her hearty disapproval of the manner in which Dr. W. H. Whitsitt's New Discovery concerning English Baptists prior to the year 1641, was made public; and in as much as the Discovery has been shown to be no discovery, and his statements utterly without warrant by the findings of Dr. J. T. Christian, and especially by the finding of the book entitled "The Sum of Scripture," translated by Simon Fish, an Anna-Baptist in the year 1529, from a Dutch and a French edition published in the year 1523: Therefore the Association assembled with the Baptist Church in the city of Corinth, Miss. in annual session in Sept. 1902, takes pleasure in giving the following extract

from the above named book, to wit "The Sum of Scripture" published in London, Eng., in the year of our Lord 1539, showing the incorrectness of Dr. Whitts's assertion that English Baptists did not dip prior to 1641

## EXTRACT.

"The fondacion of Christendome is the faythe whiche so fewe people have perfectly. And yet alwayes we thinke al that we have the very true faythe. Saint Pooul the worthi apostle doth exhorte us to no vertue so strongly as unto the faythe. And he in al his epistles prayseth nothyng so muche as the faythe. Therefor it must nedes be that it be a precious vertue for he wryteth not one epistle whiche is not full of faythe. We take the faythe for the begynnynge of Christ's lyfe, but truely he that hath perfayt faythe the same hath onely begone the Christe lyfe but hath fulfilled it. And this error comith because we knowe not what the faythe is nor what thyng a good christen ought to beleve for to be saved, we thynke that when we be baptise*d* and we beleve that god is god that then we shall be saved. As wryteth S. Mark, saying 'He that shall beleve and shall be baptised shal be saved, but he that beleveth not shall be condemned.' It is the truth but among a thousand there is not one that knoweth what thyng the baptisme betokeneth nor what thyng he shal beleve. The water of baptisme taketh not away oure synne for then it behoved us dayly to wasshe us therein. Nether hath the water of the fontaine more vertue in hitsylfe than the water that rynneth in the ryver Ryne, for we maye as well baptyse in Ryne as in the fount.

Then when we be baptysed we betoken that we wyll dye wyth Chryst we betoken I say that we wyll dye as unto the lyfe passed as touching oure synnes and evyll concupiscences, and that, as saveth St. Paule we must walk in a newe lyfe. And therefore be we plunged under water, to thintent that by the manner of spekinge we shuld be here deed and buried, as wryeth St. Paule unto the Romainys Brethren, ye are buried wyth Chryst by baptisme into deth. So that we shal not lyve after the lyfe of the world nor after the lyfe of the fleshe but we must lyve as the chyl dren of God."

Thus we have both the manner and meaning of baptism as practised and taught by English Baptists in the early part of the sixteenth century.

It is stated that the author and translator of this after a life of toil and persecution was on the account of writing this book taken into prison, when a brief time afterwards he died of the plague. Truly the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence and it shall come down to us in "great tribulation."

L. R. Burress.



## UNION MEETING.

Union meeting of the second district of the Tishomingo Baptist Association met with Glendale Church on Friday before the third Sunday in Aug.

Bro. E. F. Romine was elected moderator. Letters from the following churches were read:

Burnsville, Mt. Joy, Mt. Gilead, Glendale, Farmington, Piney Grove, New Prospect, and Cross Roads.

The Moderator extended a welcome to all visiting brethren; also appointed the following committee. Devotional, Bro. Roberson, Bro. Meadows with deacons of this church. Preaching by Eld. J. R. Speakman adjourned until 1:30 o'clock.

The meeting was called to order at the appointed hour and was opened by scriptural reading and prayer by Bro. Mark Potts.

The following subjects were discussed: First, shall this identical body rise? ably discussed by Eldrs J. C. Hughes, J. R. Speakman and Bro. E. F. Romine. Song, Rest Over Jordan.

Adjourned until Saturday 9 a. m.

## MORNING SESSION SATURDAY.

Devotional exercises by Bro. Mark Potts. Scriptural reading and song service. Second subject; Why do Baptist people believe in close Baptism, discussed by J. W. Pennington, Hughes and Speakman.

Third and fourth: How can I be and why ought I to be a christian. Discussed by Bro. Mark Potts, Elders Harris, Hughes and others. Adjourned for preaching by J. C. Hughes from John 18.

## EVENING SESSION.

Devotional exercises conducted by Bro. Jerry Taylor, reading the second chapter of Hebrews. The committee on program announced next meeting to be with Farmington Church on Friday before the fourth Sunday in July 1903.

## PROGRAM FOR NEXT MEETING.

1. Who are the primitive Baptists? A. Crouch, J. C. Hughes and E. F. Romine.
2. Is mission work apostolic or modern. Thomas Moreland and J. R. Speakman.
3. Ought Sinners to Pray for their Soul's Salvation. J. Skinner and M. L. Potts.
4. Is it right for the church to pray for the salvation of souls. J. A. Harper and T. J. Perry.

W. T. Wilson, Clerk.

## REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

We hold that the liquor traffic is the greatest enemy of mankind. In every way it is more hurtful to society, good order and

good morals than any other agency of the evil one. It leads the way while all other evils follow. It is the duty of all Christian people not to check, regulate or impede its progress but to destroy it from the face of our fair earth. It must be prohibited, not regulated. Great progress has been made toward the destruction of the liquor traffic in the last twenty years. Large districts, by agitation, have become advanced to a very high conception of the enormity of this evil and of the remedy to be applied. We recommend that our churches proceed at once to cleanse themselves of any and all members who persist in following the drink habit and thus prepare to fight this monster, and that all Christian people see to it that public officials enforce the law.

John D. Bills, Chairman.

In connection with the foregoing, the following resolution was proposed by Eld. L. R. Burress and accepted by Bro. Bills as an amendment.—The Tishomingo Association representing 3000 white Baptists living within the state of Mississippi, respectfully petition the legislature of our State to enact a law absolutely prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors for a beverage within the limits of the State of Mississippi.

#### FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Balance from last year	\$2 76
From Hinkle Creek, Oct. 1900	1 00
From Farmington, Oct. 1901	5 50
Associational Mission, Cash	262 01
For minutes	39 08
For Foreign Missions	3 00
For Orphan's Home	29 65

Total \$343.00

#### PAID OUT.

Postage and other expenses	\$0 60
Bro. Rowe, Foreign Missions	3 00
Bro. Rowe, Orphanage	29 65
Paid to Missionaries	168 25
Paid to Clerk, Minutes etc	39 08
Balance on Hand	102 42

\$343 00

J. S. Berry.

## FINANCE REPORT.

We have received the following for Associational Missions:

Mt. Olive	\$18 50
Tuscumbia	2 90
Chewalla	4 21
Mt Gilead	5 00
Sardis	5 00
Cross Roads	2 00
Iuka	15 00
Kossuth	20 00
Union	4 00
Bethel	5 50
Burnsville	7 95
Shiloh	5 00
Farmington	10 00
Hinkle Creek	10 00
Hughes Chapel	1 05
Tennyson	1 75
Booneville	21 00
Gaston	6 80
Little Brown	3 85
Antioch No 1	80
Wheeler	2 50
Oak Hill	11 50
Harmony	2 00
Osborne Creek	7 70
Meadow Creek	2 00
Bethlehem	1 00
New Prospect	5 00
Corinth	50 00
Baldwyn	25 00
Rienzi	5 00

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## FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Chewalla	\$1 00
Mrs. O. Shields	1 00
Gaston	1 00
	\$3 00

## ORPHAN'S HOME.

Gaston	\$ 1 00
Collection at Corinth	28 65
	\$ 29 65

## FOR MINUTES.

Tuscumbia	10
Chewalla	1 20
Osborne Creek	1 25
Glendale	60
Sardis	1 10
Cross Roads	80
Iuka	1 85
Kossuth	1 50
Union	1 00
Bethel	40
Cane Creek	1 00
Mt Olive	2 00
Burnsville	2 20
Shiloh	83
Farmington	1 70
Hinkle Creek	1 36
Hughes Chapel	50
Booneville	90
Piney Grove	50
Rienzi	80
Gaston	90
Little Brown Creek	1 60
Concord	50
Union No 2	20
Antioch No 1	75
Wheeler	40
Oak Hill	1 39
Harmony	50
Mt Providence	80
Lone Oak	40
Mt Joy	50
Meadow Creek	50
Bethlehem	25
New Prospect	1 20
Baldwyn	2 00
Union	65
Casey Creek	55
Corinth	5 00

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# SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The following churches report Sunday Schools.

SCHOOL.	SUPT.	SEC'Y	Av. Atten.	Sec'ys P. O.
Burnsville	W.H. Phelps	M. M. Elledge	25	Burnsville Miss
Booneville	J. V. Alexander	H.E. Barnett	35	Booneville, "
Bethel	E.C. Wilson		30	Racket, "
Baldwyn	J.B. Jones	Sam L. Rowan	38	Baldwyn, "
Cross Roads	A J. Pannell.	D.R. Barnett	45	Candler, "
Chewalla	T.J. Hurley	Nebraska Derryberry	25	Chewalla, Tenn
Corinth	E.S. Candler Jr	Robt. Riding.	124	Corinth, Miss.
Cane Creek	J. F. Spear	Alma Hooper	40	Wenasoga, "
Hinkle Creek	J.E. Miller	Orills Gray	30	Farmer, "
Iuka	G.W. Dudley	Jesse Glenn	25	Iuka, "
M. Olive	J.H. McGee	Miss Nellie Morris	50	Geeville, "
New Prospect	J.B. Staff	Boone Williams	45	Iuka, "
Osborne Creek	J.R. Spain	Miss Florence Gardner	40	Daltonville "
Oak Hill	C. A. Garner		35	Blackland "
Rienzie	G.H. Savage	E. Roebke	25	Rienzi "
Sardis	J.M. Bishop	G.E. Bishop	40	Old Cairo "

## LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Burnsville—W. L. Norman, J. W. Loveless, C. C. Clark.  
 Baldwyn—J. S. Berry, Baldwyn, Miss.  
 Bethlehem—C. M. Willbanks, Theo, Miss.  
 Booneville—I. G. Archer, Booneville, Miss.  
 Chewalla—F. Moreland, Chewalla, Tenn.  
 Corinth—Austin Crouch, Corinth.  
 Gaston—W. M. Henderson, Farmer, Miss.  
 Hinkle Creek—W. E. Hunter.  
 Kossuth—E. Z. Simmons, Canton, China; T. J. Perry, J. F.  
 Russell, J. C. Henderson, Kossuth, Miss.  
 Mt. Providence—W. J. Elleage, Adams Hall, Jackson, Tenn.  
 Mt. Olive—L. R. Burress, Geeville, Miss.  
 New Prospect—J. Hughes, Iuka, Miss.  
 New Salem—J. Skinner, Burnsville, Miss.  
 Oak Hill—T. B. Roberts, Blackland Miss.  
 Shiloh—T. H. Lee, Gift, Miss.  
 Tuscumbia—C. A. Deloach, Jackson, Tenn.  
 Union No. 2—S. T. Ledbetter, Hatchie, Miss.

## LIST OF LICENTIATES.

Cayce Creek—P. W. Grigg, Lytal, Miss.  
 Chewalla—Adolphus Eakers, Chewalla, Tenn.  
 Corinth—Emory Abbey, Jackson, Tenn.

Harmony—P. T. Willbanks, Hovis, Miss; Jesse Willbanks, Theo, Miss.

Rienzi—G. H. Savage, Rienzi, Miss.

Sardis—J. M. Bishop, J. H. Woodby, Old Cairo, Miss.

Tuscumbia—W. J. Reardon, Cuba, Miss.

#### RULES OF ORDER.

ARTICLE 1. The Association shall be opened with prayer.

2. The Moderator shall be considered the Judge of Order, but any member not satisfied with his decision, may appeal, provided the appeal be made on the same day, but at no subsequent time.

3. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speaking as members, but not to vote, unless his vote be necessary to decide a question. If he arises to speak he shall call some other brother to the Chair.

4. All questions brought before the Association shall be introduced by motion, and if seconded shall be opened for discussion, unless withdrawn by the mover or his second. When a subject has been taken up and a reasonable time allowed for its discussion the Moderator shall take the vote by yeas and nays, and if a call for a division be made it shall be decided by members rising.

5. Any member being desirous to speak shall rise and address the Moderator. Only one member shall be allowed to speak at a time, who shall not be interrupted while speaking, unless he departs from the subject, or makes personal reflections.

6. No person shall speak more than once on the same subject until all who wish to speak shall have had an opportunity; not more than twice upon any subject without permission.

7. Every question introduced for discussion shall be decided before another is offered, unless it be laid over, on motion, with the consent of the mover of the resolution.

8. The Association shall in all cases be governed by a majority of the members present, except in the reception of churches, then a unanimous vote shall be required. But in no case shall one member or church prevent the reception of a church without sufficient cause shown, which shall be determined by a majority.

9. The names of the members shall be called whenever the Association shall direct, and the absentees marked. Any member wishing to retire shall obtain permission of the Moderator.

10. The appellation of Brother shall be used by the members in addressing each other.

11. Any member violating these rules shall be subject to be reported by the Moderator, but only on the day the breach shall have been made.

12. Amendments or alterations may be made on these rules when a majority may deem it necessary.

#### ABSTRACT OF FAITH.

ARTICLE 1. We believe in the only living and true God—the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and these three are one.

2. We believe the Bible to be the Word of God, and it is our only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the total depravity of human nature, and that man is dead in trespass and sin.

4. We believe that salvation is the gift of God by grace, through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, and that sinners are justified in the sight of God alone by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ, and which is unto to all and with all them that believe.

5. We believe in the doctrine of Election: that God has, from the beginning, chosen us to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the Truth.

6. We believe that the Holy Spirit accompanies the Word of God in the salvation of man, in answer to the prayers of Christians.

7. We believe in the final perseverance of the Saints, and that all who truly believe shall be eternally saved.

8. We believe that baptism is immersion alone, and that none but true believers are proper subjects of the ordinance; and that none but regularly baptized and ordained ministers have a right to administer it, and that it is a prerequisite to the Lord's Supper, and all who come to the Lord's table must come according to the Lord's word.

9. We believe that a Gospel Church is a body of true believers in Christ, who have been regularly baptized, upon a profession of their faith in Him, and that there are but two officers in a Church viz: the Elder or Pastor, and Deacon.

10. We believe it to be the duty of each church to extend and circulate the Word of God as far as their means will enable them.

11. We believe in the resurrection of all men and in a future and general judgement: and that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked shall be eternal.

#### COVENANT.

[Adopted in 1860 at the formation of the Association, afterwards ratified by the Churches]

ARTICLE 1. We, as independent churches of Jesus Christ do mutually covenant to unite our efforts and influence for the advancement of the cause of Christ, under the title of the Tishomingo Baptist Association.

2. We agree to hold annual meetings, to be composed of



delegates chosen by the respective churches, bearing letters to be read at the opening of the meeting, showing their appointment and also showing the number received by baptism, by letter, by restoration; dismissed by letter, excluded or dead, together with the whole number of fellowship. Also, average number of Sunday School pupils and number of conversions, amount contributed to Associational Missions, State Missions, Foreign and Home Missions Ministerial Education, Support of Pastors, Church Expenses, Church Improvements and total expended, and valuation of church property.

3. We agree that every church belonging to this body shall be entitled to three delegates until they number one hundred members, then one for every fifty above that number.

4. When any church shall fail to communicate with this body for three consecutive meetings, it shall be considered as having withdrawn from us, and will be dropped from the minutes unless two or more members request its continuance, and will also engage to inquire into its standing and report at the next annual meeting.

5. Other churches may be admitted into this union by signifying their wish by letter and delegates provided they be deemed scriptural.

6. We will elect a Moderator and a Clerk by ballot at each annual meeting as soon as the letters from the churches are read and the members named enrolled; letters from petitioning churches being received, that their delegates may also have the privilege of voting.

7. We disclaim the right to adopt rules that can, at any time, infringe on the independence and rights of the churches. We may, however, advise churches when they request it, and will withdraw from such as become heretical in doctrine and disorderly in discipline.

8. We will have an Executive Board composed of seven members, elected annually, and the Moderator and Clerk, whose duty it shall be to take charge of all the funds sent up by the churches, and dispose of same as churches may direct.

9. We will correspond with sister associations. Any member of this body whose name appears on our minutes is authorized to represent us in other religious bodies.

10. We will have our minutes read, corrected and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the session rises, and will not adjourn, except in extraordinary cases, until all the business is finished.

11. We will, while convenient, appoint the time and place for holding the next annual meeting of this body, and elect a brother to preach Associational Sermon. The Association may make such alterations and amendments to the Convention as two-thirds of the members may deem necessary.

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## STATISTICAL REPORT.

CHURCHES.	CLERK'S NAMES.	CLERK'S POSTOFFICE.	PASTORS.	Baptized	Restored	Received by Letter	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Died	Total Last Year	Total This Year
Antioch No. 1	W. L. Rider.	Silver Springs, Miss.	L. F. Carmichael.	7	3	5	4	...	1	70	70
Burnsville	J. Z. Gray	Burnsville, Miss.	W. L. Norman	2	2	1	8	2	4	16	56
Baldwyn	J. B. Jones	Baldwyn, Miss.	G. M. Savage.	2	2	5	6	...	2	49	68
Bethlehem	J. N. Willbanks.	Theo, Miss.	E. J. Eubanks.	3	...	3	1	...	...	37	36
Bethel	W. M. Glover.	Baldwyn, Miss.	G. E. Darling.	3	...	3	3	4	...	39	38
Booneville	H. E. Barnett	Booneville, Miss.	G. M. Savage.	...	...	2	5	...	1	162	96
Concord	M. B. Green.	Hatchie, Miss.	...	4	...	...	5	...	...	31	25
Cane Creek	J. B. Bradberry.	Wenasoga, Miss.	W. F. Davis.	...	...	...	3	...	1	25	23
Cayce Creek	D. P. Majors.	Lytal, Miss.	J. S. Berry.	1	...	1	4	2	...	157	131
Chewalla	A. L. Derryberry	Chewalla, Tenn.	Austin Crouch	21	29	23	...	...	2	323	346
Corinth	J. C. Jams.	Corinth, Miss.	W. G. Mahaffy.	3	...	...	...	...	...	34	34
Candler	B. F. Whitlow.	Hickory Plains, Miss.	A. J. Shirrill.	12	...	1	3	...	...	54	64
Cross Roads	D. R. Barnett.	Candler, Miss.	T. J. Perry.	12	...	2	...	...	...	82	95
Farmington	J. B. Romine.	Corinth, Miss.	W. M. Henderson.	2	...	...	1	...	1	57	57
Gaston	D. T. Beall.	Booneville, Miss.	J. W. Pennington.	4	...	...	...	...	1	35	39
Glendale	W. T. Wilson.	Eagle, Miss.	W. D. Page.	1	...	...	...	...	...	25	26
Hughes Chapel	A. F. Berryman.	Margum, Ala.	A. L. Spencer.	8	...	10	...	...	...	65	83
Harmony	J. B. Berryman.	Overton, Miss.	T. J. Perry.	4	...	...	...	...	...	2	5
Hinkle Creek	J. E. Miller.	Farmer, Miss.	L. R. Burress.	...	...	2	...	...	...	1	5
Iuka	E. D. Glenn.	Iuka, Miss.	L. R. Burress.	4	...	...	...	...	...	2	3
Kossuth	W. A. Richardson.	Kossuth, Miss.	J. S. Berry.	4	...	12	16	...	3	141	135
Lone Oak	L. B. Cook.	Kossuth, Miss.	A. L. Soencer.	6	...	1	...	...	...	27	39
Little Brown's Creek	L. W. Denson.	Millican, Miss.	J. M. Wright.	4	...	1	6	...	1	31	37
Mt. Providence	J. R. Elledge.	Manila, Miss.	C. A. Gilbert.	7	...	3	...	...	1	37	44
Mt. Giload	G. W. Bishop.	Iuka, Miss.	W. L. Norman.	10	...	...	9	...	...	76	77
Mt. Joy	W. A. Rhodes.	Altitude, Miss.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	12
Mt. Olive	W. H. Youngblood.	Geenville, Miss.	L. R. Burress.	4	...	4	5	...	1	146	148
Meadow Creek	T. Everett	Booneville, Miss.	J. G. Archer.	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
New Prospect	W. H. Pruitt.	Iuka, Miss.	C. A. Gilbert.	8	...	15	4	...	1	37	69
New Salem	W. R. Skinner.	Eaves, Miss.	J. Skinner	...	...	5	5	...	1	57	57
Osborne Creek	C. R. Lacey.	Daltonville, Miss.	G. M. Savage.	3	...	2	3	1	3	126	125
Oak Hill	W. G. Anderson.	Blackland, Miss.	W. J. Epting.	22	1	2	15	...	2	64	82
Piney Grove	J. A. Harper.	Rienzi, Miss.	J. R. Sneakman.	...	...	...	...	...	1	32	32
Rienzi	C. B. Curlee.	Rienzi, Miss.	I. R. Burress.	2	...	...	2	...	...	32	32
Shiloh	J. H. Layton.	Theo, Miss.	W. G. Thompson.	...	...	...	4	2	...	98	92
Sardis	W. G. Bishop.	Old Cairo, Miss.	C. A. Gilbert.	8	...	1	6	16	2	77	77
Tuscumbia	A. B. Nichols.	Cuba, Miss.	E. J. Eubanks.	3	...	2	...	...	1	97	101
Tennetou	R. E. Majors.	Baldwyn, Miss.	W. G. Mahaffey.	3	...	6	...	...	...	11	20
Union No. 1.	W. B. Ballard.	Hightown, Miss.	T. J. Perry.	8	...	1	1	...	...	68	78
Union No. 2.	C. B. Rhinehart.	Hatchie, Miss.	L. F. Carmichael.	2	...	...	2	1	...	28	27
Union Grove	No Clerk.	...	W. D. Page.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Wheeler	L. M. Burge.	Wheeler, Miss.	G. M. Savage.	2	...	...	...	...	...	10	11

# FINANCIAL REPORT.

## NAMES OF CHURCHES

	MISSIONS.				Minute Fund	Ministerial Education	Value of Church Property	Pastor's Salary	Church Expenses	Orphan's Home	Sunday School	Paid to Visiting Ministers	TOTAL
	Associa-tional	Home	Foreign	State									
Antioch No. 1	\$ 7.95	9.20	\$ 39.00	\$ 17.50	\$ .80			\$ 40.00	\$ 3.00		\$ 5.00	\$ 9.80	\$ 1.55
Burnsville	23.50				2.20			200.00	55.10	3.00	16.65	100.00	459.70
Baldwyn	1.00				2.00			25.00					26.25
Bethlehem	1.00	1.00	2.50	1.00	25			20.00			4.50	2.50	42.50
Bethel	21.00		12.25	6.93	90			200.00	18.00		15.00		274.98
Booneville					50								50
Concord					1.00				12.00			10.00	22.00
Cane Creek					55			90.00			10.00	20.00	55
Cayce Creek	4.21		3.35		1.20			1200.00	131.82		47.50	110.00	1751.43
Chewalla	50.00			83.50	5.00	10.00							1.75
Corinth	1.65				10			30.00	5.00			7.75	35.80
Candler					50			75.00	3.00	1.00			34.90
Cross Roads	10.00	6.80	1.00		1.70			25.00				1.10	26.70
Farmington					60			4.95					6.50
Gaston					50			25.00					27.50
Glendale	1.95				50			75.00	2.00	5.00	5.00		121.50
Hughes Chapel	2.00				1.35			150.00	24.00		8.00		204.00
Harmony		10.00	13.20		1.85			150.00	11.60	16.00	11.37	10.75	234.88
Hinkle Creek	15.00		5.00	2.50	1.50								40
Iuka	21.50		8.00		40			58.75	40				4.85
Kossuth					1.00								59.95
Lone Oak	3.85				.80								6.10
Little Brown Creek					1.10								50
Mt. Providence	5.00				50				70.00	12.10		16.85	155.00
Mt. Gilead					2.00								2.50
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MINUTES  
OF THE  
Tishomingo Baptist Association,  
HELD WITH  
Osborne Creek Church,  
PRENTISS COUNTY, MISS.,  
SEPT. 17, 18, 19, 1903.

OFFICERS:

E. S. CANDLER, JR. .... MODERATOR.  
G. W. DUDLEY, ..... CLERK.

EXECUTIVE BOARD:

J. S. Berry, C. R. Lacey, W. H. Phelps, L. R. Burress, T. F. Holt,  
J. V. Alexander, L. M. Burge.

NEXT MEETING

With Cross Roads Church, 9 miles southwest of Iuka, Miss., on  
Friday before the 3rd Sunday in September, 1904.

VIDETTE PRINT, IUKA, MISS.

Sent by L. R. Burress

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# MINUTES

## OF THE

### Tishomingo Baptist Association.

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The Tishomingo Baptist Association met with Osborne Creek church, Prentiss county, Miss., on Thursday, Sept. 17, 1903.

Called to order at 10:30 a. m., by the Moderator, Hon. E. S. Candler, Jr. Prayer by Moderator. Song. Moderator read John 2: 1 to 17 and made an earnest talk on same.

Prayer by Eld L. R. Burress.

Eld W. M. Henderson, the only surviving member of the original organization present at this meeting, conducted the opening devotional exercises, by special request of the moderator. He read the 23d Psalm, made appropriate comment and led in an earnest prayer.

The following reading clerks were appointed by Moderator: Elds. A. Crouch, W. G. Mahaffey, Bros. C. R. Lacey and L. M. Burge. A recess taken to 1:30 p. m. Associational sermon was then preached by Eld. A. Crouch, alternate. Subject, "Heaven." It was a beautiful and touching sermon. A cordial handshaking followed. Then a bountiful dinner in the grove, furnished by the hospitable citizens of the community. Re-assembled at 1:45. Devotional exercises conducted Eld. W. L. Skinner, reading 27th Psalm. Prayer by Bro. J. W. Doggett. Letters from the churches were read showing

the following representation:

Antioch, D. E. Lancaster, W. W. Langston.  
Burnsville, W. H. Phelps, Carl Norman.  
Baldwyn, W. H. Steed, J. S. Berry, Oscar Vandiver.  
Brush Creek, A. L. Speneer.  
Bethlehem, by letter only.  
Booneville, J. G. Archer, A. J. McIntyre, A. W. Whitesides.  
Concord, M. B. Green.  
Cayce Creek, W. A. Majors, Wm. Ryan, Jas. Bowen.  
Chewalla, Thos. Moreland.  
Corinth, E. S. Candler jr., J. R. Skillman, C. S. Smith, Geo.  
ham, Robt. Riding, A. Crouch.  
Candler, J. E. Hill, C. S. Wales.  
Cross Roads, J. H. Bell, J. F. Floyd, W. J. Walker.  
Farmington, W. J. Pittman, C. Wilhite, W. E. Wallace, E. F. R.  
Gaston, Yarber Moore, Thos. Inman, W. D. Laughlin, D. T. B.  
Glendale, Not represented.  
Hughes Chapel, by letter only.  
Harmony, by letter only.  
Hinkle Creek, I. L. Gammell, J. E. Miller.  
Hosmer, (successor to Antioch No. 2,) J. T. Harris.  
Iuka, G. W. Dudley, D. J. Akers.  
Kossuth, J. W. Doggett, J. C. Henderson.  
Lone Oak, J. Nichols.  
Lookout, A. L. Spencer. (Admitted to membership this session)  
Little Brown Creek, J. L. Lindsey.  
Mt. Olive, L. R. Burress, B. R. Morris, F. Sheppard.  
Mt. Gilead, C. W. Cross, Ed Bonds, L. D. Seago.  
Mt. Providence, G. W. Shaw, C. A. Tennison.  
Mt. Joy, W. A. Rhodes.  
Meadow Creek, J. O. Robertson.  
New Salem, by letter only.  
New Prospect, D. A. Bonds, C. A. Gilbert.  
Osborne Creek, J. M. Muse, T. N. Elder, J. T. Cox.  
Oak Hill, C. A. Garner, L. D. Roberts, W. G. Anderson.  
Piney Grove, J. A. Harper.  
Rienzi, E. J. Green, Miss Word Curlee, B. M. Savage.  
Shiloh, D. H. Fare, Miss Lillian Fare.  
Sardis, R. U. Woodley, G. E. Bishop.  
Tuscumbia, W. J. Reardon, J. B. Dixon.  
Tennielou, R. E. Majors, A. L. Majors, L. P. Lucas.  
Union No. 2, R. E. Wingo, C. B. Rhinehart, E. S. Wingo.  
Union Grove, F. L. Hardy, J. T. Mock.  
Wheeler, G. W. Downs.

The election of officers was the next business. Under a suspension of the rules, Eld. A. Crouch was instructed and cast the vote of the body, unanimously re-electing Hon. E. S. Candler Jr., Moderator.



and G. W. Dudley, Clerk. Both returned thanks for the honor.

On a call for correspondence the following brethren responded:

Eld. W. D. Page, Tombigbee Association.

Eld. L. F. Carmichael, Tippah Association.

Eld. L. Epting, West Judson Association.

Eld. W. L. Skinner, Paloduro Canyon Association, of Texas.

The rules of order of the previous meeting, with amendment, were adopted, amendment as follows: All members of Executive Board, whether elected delegates or not, shall be entitled to full membership in this Association for the meeting next succeeding the one at which they are elected on said Board.

Committee on Devotional Exercises reported no night service; Eld. W. L. Skinner to preach Friday at 11 a. m.

The Moderator then announced the following committees:

Devotional Exercises—J E Miller, E F Romine, J R Skillman, J W Doggett, with pastor and deacons of Osborne Creek church.

State Missions—Eld L R Burress, W H Phelps, D T Beall, Geo Graham, C A Gilbert, J T Mock, M B Green, L D Seago.

Foreign Missions—Eld Austin Crouch, C B Rhinehart, G W Shaw, D E Lancaster, J G Archer, I L Gammill, C S Smith.

Home Missions—Eld W G Mahaffey, D J Akers, J E Miller, J R Skillman, J Nichols, B R Morris, W J Pittman.

Associational Missions—Eld J S Berry, W J Reardon, W A Majors, Thomas Inman, C W Cross, J O Robertson, James Bowen, E S wingo.

Sunday Schools and Sabbath Observance—L M Burge, D E Bonds, R U Woodley, G W Shaw, J H Bell, J F Floyd, J E Hill.

Schools, Colleges and Ministerial Education—W G Anderson, C A Garner, J T Mock, F L Hardy, R E Majors, Carl Norman, Robt Riding, Ed Bonds.

Temperance—C R Lacey, A L Majors, w H Phelps, w A Rhodes, B M Savage, J w Muse, L P Lucas.

Publications—Eld T J Perry, J G Archer, T N Elder, J B Cox, J L Lindsey, J w Green, A L Spencer, Charles wilhite.

Baptist Orphanage—Eld J F Russell, C A Tennison, G E Bish op, C A Gilbert, T Moreland, Yarber Moore, william Ryan, C S wales.

B Y P U work—A J McIntyre, w E wallace, E F Romine, w H Steed, Oscar Vandiver, J B Dixon, J A Harper.

Obituaries—T F Holt, R E wingo, A w whitesides, D H Fare, w D Laughlin, w w Langston.

Nominations—F J Green, J R Skillman, J E Miller, R C Cates, A J Dalton.

Finance—J S berry.

The members of Association and visitors were assigned homes by local committee, and the body adjourned to Friday, 9:30 a. m., benediction by Eld J F Russell.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 18.

Association convened promptly on time. Devotional exercises by Eld W D Page, who read 3d chapter Matthew and led in prayer.

The resolution left over as unfinished business from the meeting of the Association, regarding the eligibility of women delegates, was taken up and after a short discussion was defeated. Motion to amend section 10, of the constitution, was also defeated.

Kossuth and Cross Roads were put in nomination for the presidency holding the next Association. The vote being taken, Cross Roads won by a good majority. Time fixed, Friday before the 3d Session in September, 1904, at 10 o'clock a. m.

The following additional correspondents were announced present: Eld E W Spencer, representing the baptist, Jackson, Miss., with the West Judson Association; A V Rowe, State Secretary; Eld Kimbrough, Tupelo; Dr G M Savage, Southwestern University, Jackson, Tenn.

On motion, all mission reports to be read immediately upon assembling after the noon hour.

The seats were moved from the church to the tent and the congregation assembled there to listen to an eloquent sermon by Eld Skinner, of Clarendon, Texas, from Romans, 8:31.

Reassembled at 1:45. Petitionary letter received from Lone Oak church. Church received and delegate seated.

The mission reports were read and discussed in the following order: Foreign, Associational, State, Home; all reports adopted. The committee on Devotional Exercises reported Eld A Crouch to preach Friday night and Eld A V Rowe Saturday at 11 a. m.

On motion 10 o'clock Saturday was fixed as the hour to consider report of Executive board and obtain pledges for Associational missions for next year. Report on Temperance read, and pending discussion the body adjourned to Saturday at 9 o'clock a. m.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19.

Convened promptly on time. Prayer by Dr G M Savage. Resumed consideration of report on Temperance, which after amendment was adopted. Report on Sunday Schools and Sabbath School advance was read, discussed and adopted.

The hour for consideration of report Executive board had arrived, and it was read by Eld J S Berry, adopted, and the following pledges taken for Associational missions for 1904: Antioch, \$5; Wyn, \$50; Booneville, \$50; Burnsville, \$10; Corinth, \$250; Cross Roads, \$5; Farmington, \$10; Gaston, \$10; Hinkle Creek, \$20; Kossuth, Lone Oak, \$2.50; Little Brown Creek, \$10; Mt Providence, \$3; Meadow, \$5; Mt Olive, \$40; Meadow Creek, \$5; New Prospect, \$5; Osage Creek, \$25; Oak Hill, \$15; Piney Grove, \$5; Rienzi, \$10; Sardis, Tennico, \$5; Tusculumbia, \$10; Union Grove, \$2.50; Lookout wheel, \$4.

Took a recess until 2 p. m. Sermon by Eld. A. V. Rowe, followed by collection of \$16.85 for the Baptist Orphanage and dinner. Met at the appointed time. Report on the Orphanage adopted. Letter from Eld. E. Z. Simmons, missionary in China, was read by Eld. L. R. Burress. The Association listened with great interest to the letter from this well-beloved brother in that far away land and joined in prayer for him and all our missionaries.

Report on Obituaries adopted. Report on Schools, Colleges and Ministerial Education was discussed and adopted.

Report on B Y P U was read by the Clerk and adopted. The Committee on Finance made a report which was adopted.

The following three resolutions were adopted:

1. Resolved, That, instead of the Moderator appointing messengers to the State Convention and other religious bodies, any member of this Association, whose name appears in our minutes, be and is hereby appointed and authorized to represent this Association in such bodies. This shall be a standing order of this Association, and shall apply to all other religious bodies except the Southern Baptist Convention.

2. Resolved, That the sincere thanks of this Association be and the same are hereby expressed to the Osborne Creek church and the people of this community generally, for their generous hospitality and many kindnesses and courtesies. We also extend our thanks to the Moderator and Clerk for their prompt and efficient services, and direct that out of the minute fund the Clerk be paid Ten Dollars, and that the balance be expended in the printing and distribution of the minutes.

3. Resolved, That the Secretary of the Executive Board write to each pastor in this Association, asking that a collection be taken in all the churches to defray the expenses of our delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention.

By request of Eld. J. S. Berry the following brethren were appointed as a committee to audit his books as treasurer of the Executive Board, to wit: L. R. Burress and L. M. Burge.

Motion to adjourn was adopted. After songs, "Blest be the tie that binds," and "God be with you till we meet again," the parting hand was taken and the Association adjourned to meet with Cross Roads church, Tishomingo county, 9 miles southwest of Iuka, on Friday before the 3rd Sunday in September, 1904.

G. W. DUDLEY, CLERK.

E. S. CANDLER JR., MODERATOR.

### Chairmen of Committees.

Pursuant to a standing rule of this Association, the Moderator appointed the following as chairmen of the several committees, to pre-



pare reports, and if any of them shall be unable to attend the session of the Association, it is the duty of such chairmen to prepare his report on the subject assigned him and mail it to G. W. Dudley, Clerk, Iuka, Miss., at least a week before the session convenes:

State Missions, Eld. J. F. Russell.  
 Foreign Missions, Eld. J. S. Berry.  
 Home Missions, Eld. L. R. Burress.  
 Associational Missions, Eld. W. G. Mahaffey.  
 Sunday Schools and Sabbath Observance, Eld. A. L. Spencer.  
 Temperance, Eld. J. C. Henderson.  
 Baptist Young People's Union Work, W. G. Anderson.  
 Publications, Eld. Austin Crouch.  
 Baptist Orphanage, A. J. McIntyre.  
 Obituaries, Eld. Thos. Moreland.  
 Nominations, C. S. Smith.  
 Finance, Eld. J. S. Berry.  
 Schools, Colleges and Ministerial Education, C. R. Lacey.

#### Report on Associational Missions.

Your Committee begs leave to report. The 3 counties of Prentiss, Alcorn and Tishomingo have a population of over 40,000 people. Nearly all this territory is occupied by the Tishomingo Baptist Association. A large number of the people are unsaved. They are growing in wealth and intelligence. Schools are plentiful, reading matter abundant. Many good things and many hurtful things are spread themselves abroad in the land. Strong men are needed to preach the old gospel in plainness to the people. Your Committee insists that Associational Missions ought at once to be brought to the front and made as prominent as other mission work. This is foundation work. The way to build up missions is to build up missions at home. We are glad to say that there is a growing interest in our churches in Associational Missions. The report of the Executive Board will show great progress in this work. We appeal to the churches to stand by the Board. Let this Association encourage the Board to go forward until the needs of our destitute fields are supplied. Difficulties confront us, but these will give way before prayerful and consecrated effort.

J. S. BERRY.

#### Report of Executive Board.

Your Executive Board begs leave to submit the following report:  
 There has been paid for Associational Missions, \$242.00  
 to the Tent Fund, 227.00  
 Amount collected by missionaries in the field, 105.00

Total,

574.00

We had left over from last year,

92.00

**Grand Total of funds available,**

666.00

The following work has been contracted for:

5 Tent Meetings,	\$187.00
J. F. Russell 4 months,	160.00
T. J. Perry, 2 months,	80.00
W. M. Henderson, one meeting,	10.00
W. D. Page, one meeting,	10.00
W. G. Mahaffey, 2 meetings,	16.25

Total

463.25

We employed Bro. Russell as missionary 4 months and Bro. Perry 2 months. These brethren have also been colporters. They have sold some Bibles and Testaments, distributed some tracts and have sold several hundred copies of the devotional books known as "Moody Colportage Library." Twelve meetings have been held by brethren Russell, Perry, Henderson, Mahaffey and Page. The tent work has been a decided success. Five tent meetings have been held in which there about 50 professions. Able men were employed. The gospel was preached in power. We thank God and take courage. Let us turn our faces to the new year's work with the determination to do larger work than ever before. J. S. Berry, Chairman.

**Report on Temperance.**

We are proud of the fact that Baptists have stood at the front in temperance reform. We see no signs now of any letting up on this question. Whisky is not sold in the bounds of this Association with legal sanction. We point with pride, also, to the wholesome public sentiment which secures prompt punishment in our courts of those who engage in the illegal sale of whisky within the limits of this Association. What more can we hope for in this Association along this line? Ought we to strive to use our political power to banish the legal sale from our State? If so, we believe the opportunity will soon present itself, when the next legislature shall convene at Jackson, to urge before that body the submission of a constitutional amendment to prohibit the legal sale in the State. Shall we as an Association stand for such an amendment? If so let us make our influence felt in some effective way. Let us not merely send out our PRONUNCIAMENTO. Your committee make no recommendation along this line, but desire that these questions be fully discussed by this Association and the churches composing this body. We trust, also, that among the membership of this Association the drink habit is less common. We pray that the time may soon come when not a Baptist in this Association who is a habitual drinker.

C. R. Lacey, Chairman.

The following amendment to above report was unanimously adopted-

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ed: The Tishomingo Association, representing 3,000 white Baptists living within the State of Mississippi, respectfully petition the Legislature of our State to submit to the voters an amendment to the Constitution absolutely prohibiting the sale of intoxicating for a beverage within the State of Mississippi.

### Report on Sunday Schools and Sabbath Observance.

Experience and education the better fit one for any calling. Preparation for results is very essential. A good beginning is essential to a good ending. All things, good or bad, have a beginning, so the advocates of the good should look well to the beginning. The Sunday School is an agent for good, educating the young by example and precept. A Sunday School composed entirely of children would come to naught. So we take it that adults should so use this agent to get the greatest good. Hence the matter is before us. However, we, as servants of the Master, using it. Therefore your committee would urge that all the adult church members encourage the Sunday School by their presence and contributions. Knowing that Sunday School workers have neither the time nor inclination to desecrate the Sabbath, we then urge the Christian Sunday loafer to unite himself with a Sunday School, and then practice what he may teach, and what he is taught. Our lives are what we make them and our children are our imitators. Shall we teach them by example to loaf and loiter and idleness or shall we bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord? We also urge you not to send your children to Sunday School, but to go with them. Don't send them off to themselves to study the lesson, but study it with them. Think brother, negligence of duty along this line may give to the world a worthless man or woman, and to the church a good agent bearing your name. We call attention of the members to the fact that of the 41 churches sending letters to this Association, only 15 report Sunday Schools! Leaving 26 which report no Sunday School. Further we find from last year's report that 16 churches reported no Sunday School; while 16 reported Sunday Schools. We make this comparison in order that you may see what we are doing in this work. SABBATH OBSERVANCE. God's commandments are beyond man's power to fulfill. If we love Him we should obey Him. To obey Him is to keep the sabbath holy. God set aside the sabbath for His own. His promises are sure if we honor Him. Seemingly we have gone astray so far as keeping holy His day, therefore let us keep His commandments and number His promises. L. M. Burge, Ch.

### Report on the Baptist Orphanage.

On May 7, 1897, a house was rented in Jackson, Miss., for a Baptist Orphanage, and was soon filled with helpless children. The Lord says, "blessed is he that considereth the poor: the Lord will deliver him in time of trouble." Think of it. Brother and Sister Foster and others



of like faith were in great trouble, because of the lack of a home for these helpless ones, who had been gathered together to be reared and cared for and made fit for the Master's use. The Lord verified the above promise, for they now have a home worth \$40,000. Eighty children are being cared for and there is room for a few more. Brethren, this should inspire us with more zeal and more faith in God as a loving Father, who has so wonderfully blessed this work for the helpless poor of this state. Let us take courage and still stand by this God-blest Baptist institution with our payers and our means, till every helpless white child in our state shall have a home where they can be developed into that manhood and womanhood that will be for the glory of God and common good of the country. We pray God's blessing on the retired President and his noble wife for their zeal, courage, faith and the sacrifices they have made for the sustenance of the Orphanage. These cares and responsibilities now rest on Eld. J. R. Carter and wife, and may every Baptist in the state sympathise with, pray for and donate to this Baptist home for poor orphans.

J. F. Russell, Chairman.

### Report on Foreign Missions.

It is gratifying to be able to report again this year "That the last conventional year has been by far the most prosperous in the history of our Foreign Mission work." Statistics of work: Baptized, 1,790; churches, 157; stations, 231; members in foreign churches, S. B. C., 8,880; members in all foreign Baptist churches, about 203,000; missionaries, 140; native helpers, 292; houses of worship, 90; Sunday schools, 120; S. S. students, 3,976; day schools, 62; day pupils, 1,350; mission churches contributed \$15,375.82; contributed by Southern Baptist churches, \$218,512.60; Mississippi gave \$16,105.43. We have now 7 mission fields. Pagan fields—China, Japan and Africa. Papal fields—Italy, Mexico, Brazil and Argentine Republic, our new field. Theological training schools have been established in China, Africa, Italy and Brazil. These are doing a great work in training native helpers. There are two publication societies, one in China and the other in Brazil. Two hospitals have been established in China, erected by special gifts. Last year Mississippi gave \$16,105.43. This is an increase of \$7,072.71 over the previous year. This year our State is asked for \$8,000, and it is to be hoped that Tishomingo Association will help greatly in enabling Mississippi to come up with her part. To this end let us all pray, work and give.

Austin Crouch, Ch'm'n.

### Report on State Missions.

The report adopted by the Association last year showed a marked progress in the work over any preceding year, and this closing year surpasses the last. These are but a part of the fruits of State missions and the earnest of the harvest. The law of missions is progressive, the spirit of missions never rests, for it has never attained its end and is therefore unfinished. The success of to day was unseen yesterday, but is to day the starting point for tomorrow's march. We are yet in the bay of the ocean of missions. "Launch out into the deep" was the command of the Master to His toiling fishermen. The workers were not inland nor in the shallows, but in the deep. This is a command that fishers of men need much to obey with that enthusiasm and humanity that would prompt every child of God, their Heavenly Father, to meditate day and night how to reach with the gospel every accountable human being. What a transformation would be wrought in any community, throughout our state and to the uttermost parts of the earth, by such a Heaven-born people doing on earth Heaven's will upon earth. Let us recognize the most momentous truth in our religion, which is that Christ is in the Christian, and He is anxious to obey His command and to fulfill his promise, to go into all the world with His people. THE ORGANIZED WORK of our conventions, both State and S. B. C., is hereby recommended by your committee, as the common sense plan and Bible co-operation for the directing of the agency of the churches in the spreading of the gospel in all the world. Some mistakes may have been made by the organized workers, but the past led wrong, wise men will not follow the same track again. Thus experience is a wise, if often a hard instructor, to the sincere. True, much may be due "the lions by the way" or the hedge-dog, for getting and keeping the sheep or laborers in the right path; if so let us "render honor to whom honor is due." The committee recommend that the Executive Board of this Association operate with the State Convention Board. The committee urges that an appeal be made to each member of each church to contribute to the cause, by praying for state missions, until every one shall help in this cause in the Master's field. Finally, we invite the State Convention Board to "look on the fields" and withhold no aid that can be better given here than elsewhere, and may the people of our entire state, as they participate in the industrial and educational progress of the times, direct all to true religious advancement.

L. R. Burrese, Chairman.

### Report on Publications.

We, your Committee on Publications, desire to submit the following

ing report: In fulfillment of God's word recorded in Eccl. 12—12, of "making many books there is no end," we find our homes supplied with the common newspapers of the day as well as the "many books" on varied subjects and treatises on the Bible, which often are as far from the truth as they are from each other. Therefore, as our mental man will grow on the literature we read, like our physical on what we assimilate, the people are alarmingly divided into God-dishonoring and soul-destroying doctrines, in fulfillment of "much study is a weariness of the flesh." Many are so tired they will not hear the plain word of God.

Of the many books, God's word is the best,  
Against dungeons, sword and fire it stood the test,  
We recommend its study in every home,  
Baptists took it where, perchance, they roam.  
Men may rage, angry billows may foam,  
But Bible truths wrenched the scepter from Rome.

Your committee recommend to your confidence and patronage the Baptist, published at Jackson, Miss., also our Home and Foreign Journal and our Sunday School literature, published at Nashville, Tenn.

T. J. Perry, Chairman.

### Report on Nominations.

We, your Committee on Nominations, beg leave to nominate the following:

Delegate to Southern Baptist Convention, Eld. J. S. Berry; alternate, Eld. L. R. Burress.

To preach the next Associational Sermon, Eld. L. R. Burress; alternate, Eld. J. F. Russell.

For members of Executive Board, J. S. Berry, Chairman, and T. F. Holt, L. R. Burress, L. M. Burge, W. H. Phelps, C. R. Lacey, J. V. Alexander.

Respectfully submitted,

E. J. Green, Chairman.

### Report on Obituaries.

Your Committee feel sad in reporting that, since our last meeting 25 of our beloved brethren and sisters have passed and forever gone from our meetings. We are thankful that the hand of Death has not been so heavy with us this year as last, as we find that 36 were reported as having fallen last last year—11 more than this. Who of us we do not know will be on the list next year. Be ye ready, brethren and sisters.

Respectfully submitted,

T. F. Holt,  
Chairman.



## Names of Our Dead.

Booneville—T. J. Cunningham, B. A. P. Selman.  
Burnsville—Sister Clara Jones.  
Chewalla—Sisters Malinda Clemmonds, M. Eakers, Jno. King.  
Cane Creek—B. F. Gurley, Frank Davis.  
Farmington—Sister N. A. Smith, Sister Emma Voyles.  
Harmony—J. Willbanks, Jason Bobo.  
Hinkle Creek—B. F. Whirley, Sister Tennie Phillips.  
Hosmer—Claude Harris.  
Iuka—Sister Eliza McElhaney.  
Kossuth—Thos. F. Dilworth.  
Mt. Providence—Howard Owens.  
Mt. Olive—G. W. Wages.  
Rew Prospect—Sister Hattie Hubbard, Sister M. H. Davis.  
New Salem—Sister Sallie Holder.  
Sardis—J. Strickland.  
Tennielou—L. E. Majors.

### Report on B. Y. P. U.

All thinking and earnest Christians realize the importance of the study of God's word, and lament the woful lack of such study to day. If the study of the Bible is needful for the oldest how much more so for the young. If the young-Christian is rooted and grounded in the truth and starts RIGHT in the doctrines and teachings of the book, he has a long start of the man who has to learn in mature years, as best he may, when other men's opinions have been more or less fixed in his mind. One of the bed-rocks of the B. Y. P. U. is reading, teaching and studying the bible. Again, observant men realize the crying need of effective workers to take the places of those we now have. We need those who are fully equipped in mind, heart and training, so they can do efficient work. The B. Y. P. U. undertakes all this. The young are taught to lead in prayer, to conduct public service of a simple kind and to explain the plan of redemption to the unsaved. It is a teaching and practising service of the church for the young. The young people must be reached and held if the church is to advance as it ought. We must give them work to do and show them the way to do the work. It is not enough that their equipment is as good as yours was; it must be better. The B. Y. P. U. affords an opportunity inside the church to accomplish this work, and opportunity is the measure of responsibility. Resp'y Submitted.

Hugh E. Ray, Chairman.

### Report on Home Missions.

Home Missions mean more to us than the welfare of our own community. In considering the widening fields committed to our Home Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, we should be somewhat alarmed for the welfare and safety of immortal souls, and hearty should be our response to the call of the board for contributions, accompanied by our prayer that every contribution may be the means of illuminating some darkened pathway and the alleviating of sorrows. Each year millions of our people are hastened away to their spiritual destinies, supplemented by foreigners from the four corners of the earth. All need to hear the invitation, "look unto me and be ye saved," and they can't look without an acquaintance with God, and their acquaintance with Him depends upon our zeal quickened by the spirit of God who will guide into all truth, and found to be the ever-abiding comforter. But that which claims our prayers and alms more is the commission to go into Judea as well as Jerusalem. Brethren, our Judea stands with open portals and is waiting for us to come in and possess the land. Past successes encourage us to attempt to gain greater victories. Our prayers and united contributions have blazed the way and made highways where once desolation abounded. We can be foreign missionaries by supporting Home Missions. In

this way we reach every class and touch every nation, and in this way the world is affected by what we do, and when much is done greater shall be the effect. Home Missions is the mainspring of activity; if we are interested in those around us it is a proof that we are reminding of those who are thousands of miles away. The cry is coming from every corner of the globe, "come over and help us," and at our doors the cry is like an echo; "men and brethren what shall we do?" and at this we are drawn back to N. T. when the question becomes a personal one; "sirs, what must I do to be saved?" Brethren, let there be a rebounding, what can I do to have some poor, condemned person set free? Liberty inspires nations to protect her mantle, but the liberty of our hearts should be on a daily increase for the cause of Him who hath bought us with his own blood to feed the church of God, and in this he bought us from the curse of the law and power of satan. If you have been bought with a price then "ye are not your own," what you have is not yours, but all belongs to God. How many have you told about the heavenly home? Shall you tell the unsaved in person or by contribution? Brethren, we can have more missionaries at work if we will try. God will give us the increase if we only ask for it. We urge that that the needed information be given every member of every church composing the Tishomingo Association. By a co-operation of pastor and church the zeal be given to go into all the world.

Respectfully Submitted, W. G. Mahaffey, Ch'm'n.

#### Report on Schools, Colleges, and Ministerial Education.

There is the greatest activity throughout the country in all things pertaining to education. Millions of dollars are being put into the schools, from the rural schools to the schools of highest research. Can we, as Baptists, afford to neglect anything along the line of good Baptist doctrine and principle? In the public schools, where so many of our children receive their entire education, we need look to it that the teachers employed therein be those imbued with correct Christian training, that their personal lives may be impressed on the lives of the pupils, both by precept and example. In the bounds of our Association we have many earnest and consecrated Baptist men and women engaged in this work and as Baptists, other things being equal, they should receive our most cordial support. Let us urge upon parents the great need for the proper mental and moral development of these tender young minds. We believe in home first and therefore most highly commend Mississippi College to your consideration. With that noble, consecrated man, Bro. W. T. Lowrey at its head, we need have no fear of our sons being led astray by false doctrines or teaching. The same may be said of the S. W. B. U., at Jackson, Tenn., whose President, Dr. G. M. Savage, is a native of our Association. For the daughters there is no better place than Blue Mountain Female College. We cannot easily lay too much stress on the necessity of our young



men now entering the ministry getting a thorough college education. In a minister we need a man in every sense of the word, and to that may be added a genuine conversion, a deep consciousness of the call to the ministry, a love for the work of God, thorough consecration, and the best possible literary training. Our churches should be very careful in licensing young men to preach, and then if financial aid be needed, let us all do all we can to help them. Let us uphold in every way we can the young men who feel constrained to answer God's call for messengers to carry the great commission, "Go ye into all the world."

Respectfully submitted, W. G. Anderson,  
Chairman.

### Report of Finance Committee.

#### Amounts received for Associational Missions.

J. B. Sanders, \$5.00; Corinth, \$75.00; Mt. Olive, \$20.00; Chewalla, 5.00; Hinkle Ck, 10.00; Iuka, 10.00; Hughes Chapel, 1.00; Tuscumbia, 2.25; Kossuth, 15.00; Cayce Creek, 1.00; Piney Grove, 1.55; Tennielou, 5.00; Oak Hill, 10.00; Concord, 1.00; Meadow Creek, 5.00; Wheeler, 4.00; Burnsville, 5.00; Sardis, 5.00; New Prospect, 5.00; Mt. Providence, 2.50; Osborne Creek, 10.00; Farmington, 10.00; Gaston, 5.00; Little Brown Creek, 5.00; Harmony, 2.65; Bethlehem, 1.00; Lookout, 3.75; Antioch, 5.25; W. A. Rhodes, 1.00; Mt. Gilead, 5.00; Brush Creek, 2.00; W. R. Whitesides, 1.00; Baldwin Ladies Aid Society, 1.50; Lone Oak, 1.00; Cane Creek, 5.15; Rienzi, 12.00. Total, \$257.30. Received for minutes, \$43.90. Home Missions. (Burnsville church,) \$1.00. Foreign Missions, (Burnsville,) \$1. State Missions, (Lone Oak,) \$1.00. Orphan's Home, (Oak Hill) \$4.84. The above amounts have been turned over as follows: Minute money to Clerk; Associational Missions to Executive Board; balance to A. V. Rowe. Respectfully, J. S. Berry, Chairman.

#### STATEMENT OF TENT FUND.

Kossuth, \$34.15; Baldwin, 49.25; Mt. Olive, 17.47; Iuka, 40.00; Hinkle Creek, 6.30; Chewalla, 2.65; Burnsville, 10.00; Mt. Gilead, 75c; Gaston, 3.38; Osborne Creek, 18.75; Booneville, 32.75; L. M. Burge, 1.00; E. S. Candler, 5.00; S. M. Bramlett, 5.00. Total, \$227.20.

#### STATEMENT OF MINUTE FUND.

Hinkle Creek 1.40, Baldwin 2.05, Mt Olive 2.50, Iuka 2.45, Hughes Chapel .60, Tuscumbia .50, Cayce Creek .50, Piney Grove .50

Tennielou .85, Oak Hill 1.40, Kossuth 2.00, Booneville 1.20, Concord .50, Candler .70, Wheeler .70, Burnsville 2.10, New Salem .50, Union Grove .25, Sardis 1.50, Chewalla 1.00, New Prospect 1.00, Mt Providence .50, Farmington 1.25, Union No 2 .30, Gaston 1.00, Cross Roads .90, Little Brown Creek 1.00, Harmony .70, Bethlehem .75, Lookout .30, Antioch .60, Mt Joy .60, Mt Gilead 1.70, Brush Creek .40, Osborne Creek 1.70, Hosmer .35, Lone Oak .25, Corinth 6.00, Rienzi 1.00. Total, \$43.90. (Shiloh .75 by mail.—Clerk.)

### List of Sunday Schools and Officers.

CHURCH.	SUPERINTENDENT.	SECRETARY.	AV. ATTENDANCE.
Antioch,	D. A. Lancaster,	Ab. Windom.	38
Baldwyn,	J. B. Jones,	Sam. L. Rowan,	20
Booneville,	J. C. Stanley,	E. W. Walton,	40
Cane Creek,	J. F. Spear,	Miss Alma Hooker,	25
Chewalla,	T. J. Hurley,	Miss Alva Gurley,	40
Corinth,	E. S. Candler Jr.,	Robert Riding,	124
Cross Roads,	F. L. Hardy,	J. E. Bumpus,	60
Candler,	C. S. Wales,	Miss Ethel Newbern,	25
Farmington,	J. B. Romine,	Miss Kittie Benzie,	71
Hinkle Creek,	J. E. Miller,	Jesse Johnson,	45
Hosmer,	(No officer's names given in letter.)	G. T. Reid,	40
Iuka,	G. W. Dudley,	Oscar Caldwell,	35
Kossuth,	J. W. Doggett,	Miss Neely Morris,	65
Mount Olive,	J. H. McGee,	Miss Mary Robinson,	25
New Prospect,	J. C. Hughes,	(No Secretary given.)	40
Osborne Creek,	J. L. Spain,		35
Oak Hill,	C. A. Garner,	Mrs. Roebke,	35
Rienzi,	M. J. Savage,	Wm. Felton,	50
Sardis,	J. M. Bishop,		

### Ordained Ministers.

T. H. Lee, Gift, Miss.	J. Skinner, Eaves, Miss.	W. J. Elledge, Manila, Miss.
J. M. Wright, Elma, Miss.	C. M. Willbanks, Theo, Miss.	W. O. Thomley, Baldwyn, Miss.
C. A. Gilbert, Iuka, Miss.	J. C. Hughes, Iuka, Miss.	Giles Savage, Rienzi, Miss.
T. Moreland, Chewalla, Tenn.	E. Z. Simmons, Canton, China.	T. J. Perry, Kossuth, Miss.
J. C. Henderson, Kossuth, Miss.	J. F. Russell, Corinth, Miss.	A. L. Spencer, Hovis, Miss.
J. G. Archer, Booneville, Miss.	J. E. Miller, Booneville, Miss.	A. Crouch, Corinth, Miss.
W. L. Norman, C. C. Harris, J. H. Woodley, and J. W. Lovelace, at Burnsville, Miss.		
J. M. Bishop, Old Cairo, Miss.	T. B. Roberts, Booneville, Miss.	A. Kellar, Racket, Miss.
H. L. Davis, Kellum, Miss.	W. M. Henderson, Rienzi, Miss.	L. R. Burress, Baldwyn, Miss.

### LICENTIATES.

W. W. Langston, Antioch, Miss.	J. Nichols, Hovis, Miss.	W. J. Reardon, Gift, Miss.
C. S. Wales, Wesley Sanders, Booneville, Miss.	G. W. Underwood, New Site, Miss.	
Adolphus Eakers, Chewalla, Tenn.	C. J. Crum, Hovis, Miss.	J. E. Glenn, Iuka, Miss.
T. D. Davis and T. N. McNutt, Iuka, Miss.	P. T. & Jesse Willbanks, Overton, Miss.	

### Proceedings of the Ministers and Deacon's or Union Meeting.

The meeting of Ministers and Deacons convened with Farmington church, July 24, 1903, Moderator E. F. Romine in the chair. The Clerk being absent, Bro. F. O. Browning was appointed by the Moderator. Devotional exercises by the Moderator. Letters were called for and read by Bros. Hicks and Perry. After seating the messengers, an election was held, resulting in election of T. J. Perry as Moderator, and F. O. Browning Clerk. Rules of order adopted. The Moderator appointed as committee on preaching, Bros. Dowd, Harper and Harris, to assist the deacons of the church. Bro. Harris suggested that the whole house vote on who should preach. It was voted that Eld. W. M. Hicks preach: subject, "who are the Primitive Baptists?"

After preaching the body adjourned to 2 p. m.

Convened at appointed time. Devotional exercises by Bro. J. E. Glenn. Other letters handed in and read. Five churches sent letters, five represented by messengers only. Mission question discussed by Bros. Lovelace, Hicks, Harris and Perry. Committee on preaching Bro. Henderson in the church to night and Bro. Hicks tomorrow at 11. Committee assigned homes to all the messengers. The body adjourned to meet to morrow at 10 o'clock.

The body met Saturday, July 25th. at 10 a. m. Devotional exercises by Eld. W. M. Henderson. Discussion resumed. Question: is it right for the church to pray for sinners? Discussed by Bros. Perry, Hicks, Glenn and Harper. Hour of 11 having arrived. Eld. W. M. Hicks preached a forceful sermon on the subject, "is it right for the church to pray for sinners?" Afternoon exercises were opened with devotional service conducted by Eld. George Voyles. Committee on program for next meeting: E. Dowd, J. E. Miller, J. E. Glenn, with W. M. Hicks as chairman. After which the passed subject was taken up and discussed by several brethren. Committee on program reported, after which adjourned over to Sunday, 9 a. m.

Sunday Morning. Sabbath School mass meeting. Opened with singing by the young people. Sunday School talks by Bros. Hicks, Henderson, Russell and Glenn. The hour for preaching having arrived, an elegant sermon was delivered by Eld. W. M. Hicks.

Adjourned to meet with Mt. Gilead church on Friday before the 2d Sunday in August, 1904.

T. J. Perry, Moderator.

F. O. Browning, Clerk.

### PROGRAM FOR NEXT MEETING.

Can God be honored in the practice of sprinkling or pouring for baptism—Elds. L. R. Burress, W. M. Hicks.

Can a man preach salvation by grace, and then preach the possibility of a born child of God falling, and not contradict himself?—C. A. Gilbert, J. F. Russell.

Who can scripturally partake of the Lord's supper?—J. S. Berry.

Can a church be true to Christ and receive an unconverted person or an infant into its membership?—G. W. Dudley, T. J. Perry.



## Order of Business.

First Call for Correspondence.

Second Appointment of Committees.

Third Appointment of time and place for next meeting.

Fourth Call for reports.

Fifth Election of Executive Board, Elder and alternate to preach Associational Sermon.

Sixth Resolutions and other miscellaneous business.

Seventh Adjournment.

## Rules of Order.

1. The Association shall be opened with prayer.
2. The Moderator shall be considered the Judge of order, but any member not satisfied with his decision, can appeal provided, the appeal be made on the same day, but at no subsequent time.
3. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speaking as members, but not to vote, unless his vote be necessary to decide a question. If he arises to speak he must call some other brother to the Chair.
4. All questions brought before the Association shall be introduced by motion, and if seconded shall be opened for discussion, unless withdrawn by the mover or his second. When a subject has been taken up and a reasonable time allowed for its discussion, the moderator shall take the ayes and nays, and if a call for a division be made it shall be decided by the members rising.
5. Any member being desirous to speak shall rise and address the moderator. Only one member shall be allowed to speak at a time, who shall not be interrupted while speaking, unless he departs from the subject, or makes personal reflections.
6. No person shall speak more than once on the same subject until all who wish to speak shall have had an opportunity; nor more than twice upon any subject without permission.
7. Every question introduced for discussion shall be decided before another is offered, unless it be laid over, on motion, with the consent of the mover of the resolution.
8. The Association shall in all cases be governed by a majority of the members present, except in the reception of churches, when a unanimous vote shall be required. But in no case shall one member or church prevent the reception of a church without sufficient cause shown, which shall be determined by a majority.
9. The names of the members shall be called whenever the Association shall direct, and the names of absentees marked. Any member wishing to retire shall obtain permission of Moderator.
10. The appellation of Brother shall be used by members in addressing each other.
11. Any member violating these rules shall be subject to be reported by the Moderator, but only on the day that the breach shall have been made.
12. Amendments or alterations may be made on these rules when a majority may deem necessary.

## ABSTRACT OF FAITH.

1. We believe in the only living and true God—the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and that these three are one.
2. We believe the Bible to be the Word of God, and it is our only rule of faith and practice.
3. We believe in the total depravity of human nature, and that man is dead in trespass and sin.
4. We believe that salvation is the gift of God by grace, through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, and that sinners are justified in the sight of God alone by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ, and which is unto all and with all them that believe.
5. We believe in the doctrine of Election; that God has, from the beginning, chosen, us

salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief in the Truth.

6 We believe that the Holy Spirit accompanies the Word of God in the salvation of man, in answer to the prayers of Christians.

7 We believe in the final perseverance of the saints, and that all who truly believe will be eternally saved.

8 We believe that baptism is immersion alone, and that none but true believers are proper subjects of the ordinance; and that none but regularly baptized and ordained ministers have a right to administer it, and that it is a prerequisite to the Lord's Supper, and all who come to the Lord's table must come according to the Lord's word.

9 We believe a gospel church is a body of true believers in Christ, who have been regularly baptized, upon a profession of their faith in Him, and that there are but two officers in a church viz: the Elder or Pastor, and Deacon.

10 We believe it the duty of each church to extend and circulate the Word of God as far as their means will enable them.

11 We believe in the resurrection of all men, and in a future and general judgment; and that the happiness of the righteous and punishment of the wicked shall be eternal.

### COVENANT.

[Adopted in 1860 at the formation of the Association and afterwards ratified by the churches.]  
1 We, as independent churches of Jesus Christ do mutually covenant to unite our efforts and influence for the advancement of the cause of Jesus Christ, under the title of "The Tishomingo Baptist Association."

2 We agree to hold annual meetings to be composed of delegates chosen by the respective churches, bearing letters to be read at the opening of the meeting, showing their appointment, and also showing the number received by baptism, by letter, by restoration; dismissed by letter, excluded or dead, together with the whole number in fellowship. Also average number of Sunday School pupils and number of conversions, amount contributed to Associational, State, Home and Foreign Missions, Ministerial Education, support of pastors, church expenses, church improvements, and total expended, and valuation of church property.

3 We agree that every church belonging to this body shall be entitled to three delegates until they number one hundred members, then to one additional for every 50 above one hundred.

4 When any church shall fail to communicate with this body for three consecutive meetings, it shall be considered as having withdrawn from us, and will be dropped from the minutes unless two or more members request its continuance, and will also engage to inquire into its standing and to make report at the next annual meeting of the Association.

5 Other churches may be admitted into this union by signifying their wish by letter and delegates, provided they be deemed scriptural.

6 We will elect a Moderator and a Clerk by ballot at each annual meeting, as soon as the letters from the churches are read and the members' names enrolled; letters from petitionary churches being received, that their delegates may also have the privilege of voting.

7 We disclaim the right to adopt rules that can, at any time, infringe on the independence and rights of the churches. We may, however, advise churches when they request it, and will withdraw from such as become heretical in doctrine and disorderly in discipline.

8 We will have an Executive Board composed of seven members, elected annually, and the Moderator and Clerk, whose duty it shall be to take charge of all the funds sent up by the churches, and dispose of the same as the churches may direct.

6 We will correspond with sister associations. Any member of this body, whose name appears on our minutes, is authorized to represent us in other religious bodies.

10 We will have our minutes read, corrected and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the session rises, and will not adjourn, except in extraordinary cases, until all the business is finished.

11 We will, while convenient, appoint the time and place for holding the next annual meeting of this body, and elect a brother to preach the Associational Sermon. The Association may make such alterations and amendments to the Constitution as two-thirds may deem necessary.

12 Members of Executive Board shall be entitled to full membership in this body for the meeting next succeeding the one at which they are elected by this Association.

## FINANCIAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	MISSIONS.			Ministerial Education	Value of Church Property.	Pastor's Salary	Church Expenses	Orphans Home	Sunday School	Paid Visits & Ministers	Total
	State	Foreign	Home								
Antioch	5.25			.50					3.00		
Bethlehem		1.00		.35	100	20.00		.40			
Burnsville	5.00	1.00	1.00	2.10		40.00					
Booneville				1.20	4,750	340.00					
Brush Creek	2.00			.40							
Baldwyn	20.00		54.00	30.00	1,000	200.00		20.00	15.00		
Cross Roads				.90	300	80.00			2.50		
Corinth	75.00	73.50	531.00	150.00	6.00	35.00	160.00	20.32		237.10	
Candler				.70		275					
Concord	1.00			.50						24.50	
Chewalla	5.00			1.00		100					
Cane Creek		1.95			500	35.00					
Cayce Creek	1.00			.50							
Farmington	10.00	1.25		1.25		75.00			3.00	53.60	
Gaston	10.00			1.40	400	25.00				27.77	
Hinkle Creek	10.00	7.60		1.40	500	75.00		2.21		18.95	
Hosmer		2.00		.35		50.00					
Hughes Chapel	1.00			.60		9.35				2.00	
Harmony	2.65			.70							
Iuka	10.00	10.00	10.00	2.45	500	150		9.00	13.00	45.00	
Kossuth	35.00	15.00		5.90	2.00	800	200	17.00		47.50	
Little Brown Creek	5.00			1.00	500						
Lookout	3.75			.30							
Lone Oak	1.00			.25	300					15.00	
Meadow Creek	5.00			.50	500	40.00				19.10	
Mount Providence	2.00			.60		10.00					
Mount Joy											
Mount Olive	20.00	15.00	35.00	9.20	2.50	500	150	56.00	10.00	45.00	
Mount Gilead	5.00			1.70	150	25.00				17.50	
New Salem				.50	250					9.75	
New Prospect	5.00			1.00	300	40.00					
Oak Hill	10.00			1.40	400	76.50		16.50	4.00	11.95	
Osborne Creek	28.75	4.00	8.35	8.05	1.50	500	150		5.00	25.00	
Piney Grove	1.25			.50	300					5.00	
Rienzi	13.00	8.00	22.50	1.00	750	100		10.30	3.00	22.40	
Shiloh				.75	600						
Sardis	5.00			1.50	300						
Tennielou	5.00			.85	450						
Tuscumbia	2.25			.50	100						
Union Grove				.25							
Union No 2				.30	50						
Wheeler	4.35			.70	400	30.00					

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